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### IN FULL FORCE

Newly confirmed Department of Public Safety commissioner Ray Mafnas, right, applauds as the Senate announced the confirmation of Larrisa Larson, left, as Department of Finance secretary, during a Senate session yesterday afternoon. Inset shows local law enforcement officers from different agencies in the Senate gallery to show their support for Mafnas' confirmation.

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### ON HOW FUNDING IN BILLS WILL BE SPENT

## Inos urges lawmakers to be more 'specific'

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REPORTER

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, when he was acting governor on Friday, urged the House of Representatives and the Senate to ensure "specificity and accountability" in their future bills as

## DPH removes free shipping benefit for off-island recruits

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The Department of Public Health will remove the free shipping benefit for off-island hires from the U.S. mainland due to the government's current financial shortfall.

DPH Secretary Joseph Kevin Vil-

he signed "with reservations" a bill appropriating and reprogramming some \$572,000 in Rota, Saipan, and Tinian funds.

Inos signed "with reservations" House Bill 17-83, House Draft 2, Senate Draft 3 into Public Law 17-44, a copy of which was obtained

lagomez said the free shipping of goods of up to 3,000 lbs per household is a "luxury" that the department could no longer provide.

The free shipping of goods and free plane tickets for all immediate members of families of new hires were among the benefits approved by DPH to entice more doctors to come

only yesterday.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has been back on island since Sunday.

Inos cited, as an example, the bill's Section 3, which appropriates \$100,000 from Rota's Solid Waste Revolving Account 2083 to three

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to the Commonwealth Health Center. These perks have been enforced since the program's inception.

Villagomez disclosed that for now, only the free shipping of goods would be terminated among all existing benefits.

"We opted to remove it because

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A tracking expert dog from Hawaii Civil Defense Agency is expected to join the FBI and CNMI teams in the search for missing sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk possibly tomorrow, Wednesday, at the earliest, or Thursday.

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## MISSING PERSONS IN CNMI SINCE 1995

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Sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk have been reported missing since May 25, 2011 after they were last seen near a bus stop in As Teo. Their disappearance is not the only missing person case in the Commonwealth, as newspaper records showed that at least seven missing person cases have been reported since 1995 without resolution.

Here is a look at some of the reported missing persons in the past few years in the CNMI:

■ ■ ■

### Qi Run Li Manager, King's Disco in Garapan

When: June 7, 2010

Last seen: Driving a silver Toyota Corolla with license plate ADJ-932 toward the vicinity of Gold's Gym in China Town.

Breakthrough: His car was recovered in the parking lot of a building formerly occupied by Shirley's Coffee Shop along Middle Road in Chalan Laulau on June 8, 2010.

Reward : Li's family has offered a \$20,000 cash reward for tips leading to his location. The NMI Crime Stoppers then offered up to \$1,000 cash for information.

Update: Under further investigation. Classified as a missing person case.

### John Garcia Manahane, 24

When: Early part of October 2005

Last seen: Tinian

Search: Attorney General's In-

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# Senate confirms DPS, Finance chiefs, and nominee for PUC

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By a separate vote of 8-0, the Senate confirmed the governor's appointments of Larrisa Larson as Department of Finance secretary and Ray Mafnas as Department of Public Safety commissioner during a session witnessed by a crowd mostly of local law enforcement officers from different agencies.

But Mafnas said his confirmation is "bittersweet," referring to the challenging search for missing sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk, who have been missing since May 25. He said as of yesterday afternoon, the sisters have yet to be found.

Mafnas, in an interview with reporters, said he welcomes those who question his credibility and qualifications to meet with him so he could show them proof that he was honorably discharged from the Marines and that he was acquitted in a case involving assault of a teacher.

He also told *Saipan Tribune* that the Department of Public Safety will undergo "reorganization" to make it more efficient, among other things.

He said this is separate from the planned merger of DPS and the Department of Corrections,

which he used to lead.

The Senate also confirmed the nomination of Ignacio Perez to serve on the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission. The House also needs to confirm his nomination.

Only seven senators initially voted "yes" to adopt a committee report recommending Mafnas's confirmation, because Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan) abstained from voting.

Reyes told his colleagues that Mafnas is his brother-in-law so he didn't vote. Only Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) was absent from the session.

But Reyes later changed his vote to "yes" after Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) said the relationship is "not so direct," and after legal counsel Matthew Meyer said it would be up to the senator's conscience.

The crowd at the gallery and chamber applauded when Mafnas and Larson were confirmed. Both thanked the governor and lieutenant governor for believing in them.

Larson later said "we have a long and difficult road ahead of us."

She said one of the major tasks is to prioritize the use of limited funding available, and

this includes timely payment of vendors especially in programs and projects funded by the federal government, and making timely payroll.

Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), chairman of the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Governmental Investigations, said they did not receive opposition to Mafnas and Larson's appointments and confirmation.

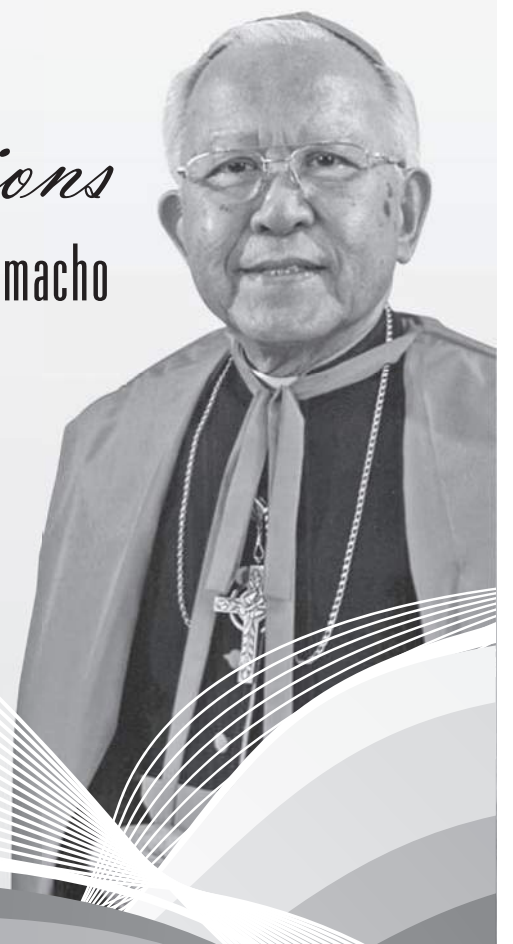
The Fitial administration had said the two posts are very critical and difficult to fill, "so we definitely would like to secure the confirmation of these nominations," press secretary Angel Demapan said.

Larson's confirmation came barely six days after the Senate held a public hearing on her nomination as Finance secretary. The Senate held a public hearing on Mafnas' nomination on May 2.

Mafnas, a former commissioner of the Department of Corrections, also served as Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's senior policy advisor. Larson, meanwhile, worked at the Northern Marianas College, the Office of the Public Auditor, and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

There's no schedule yet when Mafnas and Larson will be sworn in by the governor.

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## AS FUND FILES COUNTERCLAIM VS MERRILL LYNCH

## Senate holds off action on derivative lawsuit bill

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Retirement Fund officials said they filed a counterclaim against Merrill Lynch yesterday, a development which they used to justify anew their request to senators not to pass a compromise version of Senate Bill 17-43 which allows beneficiaries of trusts and retirement fund programs to take legal

action on behalf of trusts or the NMI Retirement Fund when trustees who manage them refuse to bring such actions.

But Retirement Fund board of trustees chair Sixto Igisomar, administrator Richard Villagomez, board counsel Viola Alepuyo, and legal counsel Carolyn M. Kern were not able to provide senators with a copy of the counterclaim. Kern said the counterclaim was filed

by attorney Brad Huesman.

The filing of a counterclaim means that the Retirement Fund is also suing Merrill Lynch. The Retirement Fund was initially named defendant in the case filed against Merrill Lynch by three retirees who have since urged the Fund trustees to join them in a lawsuit.

The retirees' lawsuit filed in October 2009 says that Merrill Lynch, along with the Fund trustees, provided "bad

advice" to the trustees, resulting in the collapse of its stock investments.

After hearing from the Fund officials, Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) and Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan) said the Senate will only adopt at this time a conference committee report endorsing passage of a compromise derivative lawsuit bill.

The Senate originally intended to act on the House-Senate compromise bill

yesterday and was poised to pass it.

Senators told Retirement Fund officials that they will further review the bill, given the filing of a counterclaim.

Fund's Igisomar said their new investment consultant, Wilshire Associates, said it will "revisit" its contract if the beneficiary derivative act measure is signed into law.

The Senate rejected the House version of SB 17-43, leading to the formation of a conference committee.

The Senate and House conferees recommended passage of a compromise bill that the Senate held off action on yesterday.

## DPH

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we cannot afford that luxury anymore. It's quite expensive and with the financial condition of the government, we can't continue to provide them the free shipping of their goods here," said Villagomez.

DPH receives an annual appropriation of \$32 million which covers everything in the department. The bulk of the amount—or \$25 million—goes to hospital operations alone.

The free shipping benefit is provided to all CHC positions hired from the

U.S., and not exclusive for physicians.

Esther L. Muna, deputy secretary for hospital administration and acting financial services administrator, disclosed yesterday that last year DPH spent a total of \$113,951 for the free shipping of goods of newly hires from different parts in the U.S. alone. This covers about 10 individuals hired for various positions such as physicians, midwives, therapist, and others. An estimated \$9,753 is being spent per household, depending on the areas they come from.

DPH, meantime, annually spend about \$300,000 in combined free tickets, free shipping of goods, and accom-

modation to newly hires from the U.S., according to the deputy secretary.

Last year DPH hired 10 individuals from the U.S. of whom more than half already have left the hospital.

Muna believes that suspending or removing this benefit will not have a major impact in the recruitment efforts of the department.

However, she admitted that financially, a substantial amount can be saved by the department which it can use in other important areas in the operation.

"Considering the current financial situation of our government, we have to accept it. There's not enough funds

to continue this benefit and this means that we have to be more creative in our recruitment efforts to entice people to come here. It's a challenge for us but we have to face the reality," she told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Muna believes that DPH is among the "unique and generous" groups that provide free shipping of goods to its recruits.

"But until it is effective, we wouldn't actually know the impact. We just need to ensure that whoever is interviewing the prospect, they have to know about the decision [on this benefit]," she added.

## 'Housing perks, pay hike'

Despite the delay in the employees' housing allowance, Villagomez assured that the benefit will be maintained to ensure the stay of personnel.

"We're not looking at that [terminating or suspending housing perks]," said Villagomez, adding that a hospital employee who has depen-

dents receives \$800 monthly housing allowance, while single employees get \$600.

The housing privilege is provided to employees who were hired from off-island and there are over 200 personnel who are currently receiving the benefit.

It can be recalled that a number of CHC employees were stopped from receiving their housing perks as a result of declining government revenues and collections last year. This was done as a result of a provision in the law that the allowance, upon availability of funds, could be suspended or terminated by the government. But due to numerous resignations, the housing perk privilege was restored in consideration of the current staffing needs of the hospital.

Villagomez also revealed that due to the financial constraints, no pay hike will be implemented by the department across all levels. "We're not also touching pay scale."

## INOS

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programs and activities, including buying a landfill equipment for \$60,000, heavy equipment parts for \$20,000 and fuel and lubrication for \$20,000. The bill says this amount may be reprogrammed by the Rota mayor "for any other purpose."

Inos said Section 3 "seemingly aims" to implement the intent of the bill, but "it then allows for reprogramming for any other purpose."

"This is an indirect way of appropriating funds for general government operations at the discretion of the expenditure authority. Any unauthorized reprogramming should have been in accordance with the intent of the legislation," said Inos, a former Finance secretary.

Senate President Paul Manglona

(Ind-Rota), when asked for comment, said the legislation could have been worded more appropriately, adding that the appropriated money will be used for landfill operations only.

The then acting governor also said Section 2 of the bill re-appropriates funds for "various projects" throughout Precinct 5.

Rep. Frederick P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), from Precinct 5, is the author of the bill.

"The language is broad and leaves much to be guessed as to which 'various projects' will be implemented. I urge the Legislature to clearly identify projects in future legislation of this type," Inos told the Senate president and House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan).

Section of the bill is re-appropriation of \$107,000 from Business Account 3750D originally for a Tangantangan Road project and \$15,000 from Business Account 3750B initially for the

rehabilitation of Kagman II baseball field, to go towards "various projects" in Precinct 5 under the expenditure authority of the Department of Public Works secretary.

Inos did not cite concern on the fourth and last section of the bill, which appropriates \$350,000 from Tinian's Solid Waste Revolving Account 2084, for the purchase of a \$200,000 landfill compactor and the purchase of a \$150,000 medium-wheeled loader under the expenditure authority of the Tinian mayor.

Unlike Section 3, this last section of the bill allows the Tinian mayor to reprogram the funds "for landfill operation purposes only."

"I approve this measure with concerns and urge the legislature to ensure more specificity and accountability in future legislation," Inos said in his message to the presiding officers of the Legislature.

## MISSING

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vestigation Unit aggressively conducted search on Tinian in August 2005. Guam police were also requested then to join the search and investigation.

**Breakthrough:** None, but there were speculations he was murdered and buried on a farm on Tinian.

**Reward:** NMI Crime Stoppers Program then offered up to \$1,000 cash for information.

**Update:** Under further investigation. Classified as missing person case.

### Manuel L. Dela Cruz, 79 Father of former Tinian Sen. Jose M. Dela Cruz

**When:** Sept. 30, 2000

**Last seen:** Walking early morning in San Jose Village, Tinian.

**Search:** Islandwide search on Tinian for several weeks.

**Breakthrough:** None

**Reward:** NMI Crime Stoppers Program offered up to \$1,000 cash for information.

**Update:** Under further investigation. Classified as a missing person case.

### Yuji Watanabe, 65

**When:** March 1, 1998

**Search:** Marpi area

**Breakthrough:** Rented Toyota car with license plate ABH-617 found abandoned at the Bird Island Lookout on March 2, 1998. Car's ignition key recovered inside the vehicle. His bag containing eyeglasses was found on the cliff's edge.

**Reward:** Not indicated

**Update:** Classified as a missing person case

### Ngai Fung Chang, 27, and his girlfriend Lai Meung Kou, 28

**When:** March 1996

**Last seen:** Hafadai Beach Hotel where they checked in on March 16, 1996.

**Search:** Parents, relatives came to Saipan in March or May 1996 after the honeymooners failed to return to Hong Kong on their scheduled arrival.

**Breakthrough:** Reportedly dropped by a taxicab in China Town.

**Reward:** The parents offered a \$20,000 cash. Crime Stoppers then offered up to \$1,000 cash for information.

**Update:** Case classified as missing persons.

### Tian Ming One of the then owners of Sea King Restaurant and Joy Motel

**When:** April 30, 1995

**Last seen:** Marpi

**Search:** No extensive news coverage about the search as the Department of Public Safety at the time refused to release more information to the media about his disappearance and his background.

**Breakthrough:** Ming's Toyota Camry was recovered at Banzai Cliff. Bloodstains were noted inside the car. Among the items found in the car was an Ace Hardware shopping bag containing a blueprint of a building, receipt, and other papers.

**Reward:** NMI Crime Stoppers Program then offered up to \$1,000 cash for information.

**Update:** Investigators classified the case as missing person/homicide.

*Editor's note: Not included on the list are persons who reportedly drowned and whose bodies were never recovered.*

## DOG

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After the fourth day of scouring about 30,000 cubic feet of trash at Marpi landfill, the FBI and CNMI personnel ended yesterday at 3pm their search at the dumpsite with no trace of evidence or clues in the disappearance of sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk.

Asked how the FBI is classifying the case now, FBI special agent Tom Simon told *Saipan Tribune* that in order for them to investigate these cases, they're working under the assumption that the Luhk sisters' disappearance is some kind of abduction.

On the deployment of dogs, Simon said the tracking dog, which is a State of Hawaii's search and rescue dog, is expected to arrive on Saipan either today, Tuesday, or tomorrow, Wednesday.

"This is a dog that is good in search and recovery mission. I don't know specific stories, but I knew that's the dog we have for this job," said Simon, who is the FBI Honolulu media relations coordinator.

He pointed out that the dog will be deployed at strategic locations and not at random searches.

The special agent said the CNMI authorities are nice enough to waive the quarantine obligations for bringing in the dog to the island.

He said the FBI supervisor in Hawaii negotiated the deployment of tracking dog to Saipan.

"This is a dog that's been trained to search the jungle of Hawaii for missing persons," Simon said.

On the landfill search, 62 FBI and CNMI personnel completed yesterday the search.

"We discovered no human remains or any evidence of the girls' disappear-

ance," he said.

Simon said throughout the search at the dumpsite that began last Wednesday, a total of 100 backpacks, including four Dora the Explorer, were found, but not any belongs to either the missing girls.

Maleina's backpack is reportedly Dora the Explorer. Faloma's is a dark purple with a brand Jansport or similar and with a word "Faloma" on the right shoulder strap and the words "Quitugua Luhk" on the left strap.

Simon said they are now looking forward to moving on to the next phase of the investigation.

"We are happy that we did not discover the girls in the landfill," the special agent said.

With the landfill search done, Simon said they are now looking forward to deploying all of the FBI resources toward running down leads and assisting with the jungle searches with the dog.

On the case classification issue, Simon said they still don't know what happened to the girls, but in order for the FBI to get involved, they work under the assumption that this is a matter of abduction.

"We only investigate missing persons who may have been abducted when the local authorities need our help," he stressed.

Simon said no more additional FBI agents are coming to the island.

"Now we feel that the crew of FBI agents we have here are sufficient for the time being. If we need additional FBI resources, they would get on plane immediately," he said.

He encouraged the public to continue forming groups in the search at jungles.

Ten-year-old Faloma and the 9-year-old Maleina were reportedly last seen near a bus stop in As Teo last May 25.

# Senate overrides Fitial's veto of 2 bills in 1 session

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For the first time in at least the last few years, the Senate overrode two vetoed bills in just a single session. One of the vetoed bills—which authorizes the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to establish a student driver education program—automatically becomes law because the House overrode it on May 24.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial vetoed on May 13 Senate Bill 17-20, Senate Draft 1, House Substitute 1, House Draft 2, Senate

Draft 2, saying that BMV “is neither ready nor equipped to establish a driver’s education program at this point.”

But House and Senate members, in overriding the governor’s veto, said families find it hard to come up with \$350 to pay for a driver’s education program offered by a private business on Saipan.

The Senate bill, introduced by floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan), automatically becomes law, but the administration needs to assign a public law number to it.

SB 17-20, SD1, HS1, HD2, SD2 passed by a vote of 7-0 with one abstention.

Sen. Luis Crisostimo (Ind-Saipan) said he abstained from voting on the override, saying he doesn’t think BMV has the resources to provide a driver’s education program. Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) was absent.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment yesterday, said as Fitial had indicated in his veto message, “BMV lacks the resources it needs to establish a feasible program that will include training instructors, drafting an approved curriculum, acquiring vehicles, insuring them, and factoring in the cost of fuel for the driving instruction portion of the program.”

He said the bill also exposes

the government to liability should accidents occur with a student driver.

“The administration had hoped that the legislature would have taken such concerns into consideration instead of going the route of an override. Addressing the governor’s concerns first and maybe introducing a more effective measure—as the Legislature did with the Marshals Service bill—would have probably been the better route to take. Rectifying discrepancies in the measure allows for the passage and enactment of a quality bill, rather than having to come back with numerous amendments down the line,” the press secretary said.

## Settlement negotiation bill

The second vetoed bill was Rep.

Ray Palacios’ (Cov-Saipan) House Bill 17-165, House Substitute 1, which authorizes the governor to negotiate a settlement and resolution of judgments entered against the CNMI government.

The bill has yet to be overridden by the House.

The Senate initially failed to muster two-thirds vote to override the House bill when it only received five “yes” votes.” It needs at least six votes for a successful override.

Initially, Senate floor leader Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), Sen. Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Saipan), and Crisostimo voted “no” on the override.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) called for a short recess, and the senators held a closed-door meeting. When they emerged from the Senate president’s conference room, the senators reconsidered their vote and

Hofschneider changed his vote from “no” to “yes.”

Hofschneider later told *Saipan Tribune* he misunderstood the bill and the voting. He said he supports the intent of the bill.

The press secretary, in commenting on the override, said the Fitial administration stands by its decision to veto the measure due to grave concerns on the matter of overstepping the legislature’s appropriations authority.

He said 1 CMC §7207 already allows for the Legislature to appropriate funds for matters such as the intent of the bill.

“All this legislation would do is open doors for claimants to circumvent that law and in effect, take hold of the legislature’s appropriations authority while impacting the General Fund by offsetting and crediting tax obligations,” Demapan said.

## Cop sprays pepper mace at man who allegedly beat up his wife

A police officer sprayed pepper mace at a man who allegedly just beat up his wife and threatened her with a machete at their residence in San Vicente last Wednesday.

Rhiner Aguon Tiberke, 36, was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest, assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and criminal mischief.

Tiberke was set to be taken to the Superior Court yesterday afternoon for a bail hearing. A \$50,000 cash bail was initially imposed for the defendant’s temporary release.

Detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that that Wednesday at 9pm, two police officers responded to San Vicente after receiving a call about a domestic violence incident.

Pangelinan said when the officers arrived at the house, they observed Tiberke chasing his wife, who was carrying an infant and running towards the main road.

Tiberke stopped when he saw the police vehicle. The wife then

told the police officer that Tiberke assaulted her and threatened to kill her with a machete.

When the two officers approached Tiberke, the defendant repeatedly shouted at them to get out from his property as it was his problem with his wife.

Tiberke allegedly refused to be arrested, was belligerent and combative as the struggled with the officers.

At this juncture, one officer sprayed pepper mace, causing the suspect to calm down.

Prior to the incident, the couple had an argument. Tiberke then allegedly pulled the victim’s hair and slapped her once on the face.

The victim got out of the house to call her family member, but the defendant grabbed a machete and pointed it toward her.

The wife was scared as she was carrying their baby. She called the police.

The defendant started breaking things in the house and hitting their car with the machete. When a police car arrived, the victim ran down with her baby. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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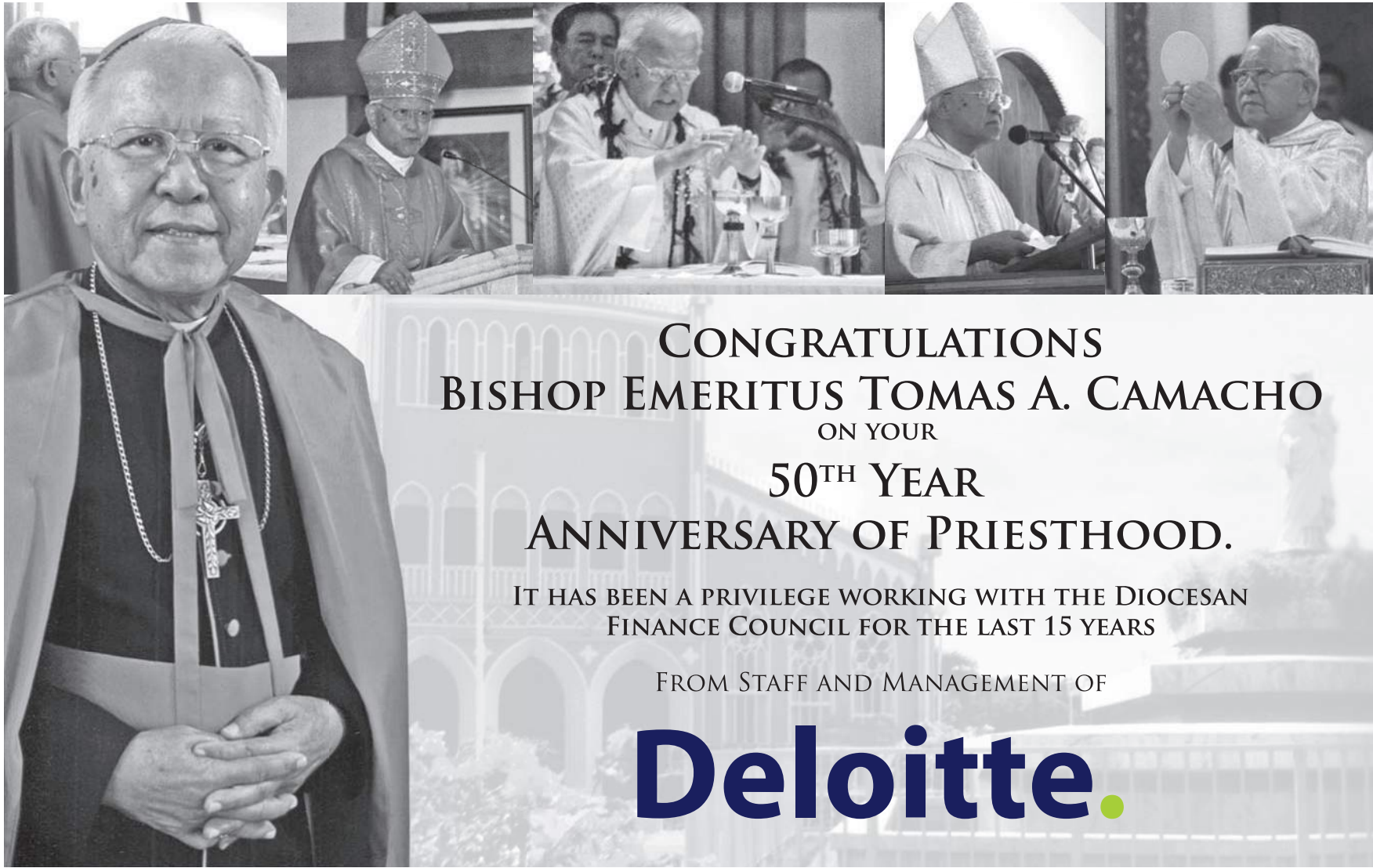
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## Reyes, San Nicolas top graduates of Chacha Oceanview Jr. High



**Paulo Reyes**  
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**Clea San Nicolas**  
COE Awardee

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
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REPORTER

Thirteen-year-olds Paulo Reyes and Clea San Nicolas were named most outstanding students of Chacha Oceanview Junior High School during yesterday's promotional ceremony for eighth graders on campus.

Reyes emerged this year's top awardee receiving the prestigious Board of Education award from chair Marylou Ada and member Herman T. Guerrero.

Paulo, the son of Malou and Pete Reyes, was also recipient of the numerous special recognitions including the gold presidential award for academic excellence, A honor roll, best in language arts, best in social studies, and best in Algebra.

Paulo, who wants to become a pilot someday, vowed to continue to strive for excellence to achieve this goal.

San Nicolas, meanwhile, emerged the class second top student after receiving the Commissioner of Education award from Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan.

She is the daughter of Aileen and John San Nicolas and was also recipient of other special recognitions.

She told *Saipan Tribune* that she will continue her studies at Kagman High School but is still unsure of what career to take after graduation.

Chacha Oceanview principal Vince Dela Cruz, along with education officials and guests, promoted 140 eighth graders to high school during yesterday's ceremonies. He also bestowed the principal's leadership award to Emmalou Cabrera.

The event was keynoted by Staff Sergeant Clint R.T. Castro, the U.S. Army recruiting station commander in the CNMI. Also in attendance were U.S. Congressman Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, Rep. Frederick Deleon Guerrero, members of the PSS leadership team, education board members, and hundreds of friends and families of the graduates.



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# Alpino, Manglona top Rota High graduates



**Katelyn M. Alpino**  
Valedictorian



**Pauline M. Manglona**  
Salutatorian

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Katelyn M. Alpino and Pauline M. Manglona were named this year's most outstanding graduates of Rota High School after receiving the highest academic honors during Thursday's commencement exercises.

Alpino emerged the 2011 class valedictorian and recipient of the Board of Education award.

The 18-year-old graduate is the daughter of Arthur and Guina Alpino and will pursue college at Philadelphia University for her pre-medicine course.

Besides the highest honor, Alpino was also bestowed the prestigious governor's leadership award and the Rota mayor's award for this year.

During the same ceremony, she was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship grant for her college education by Kolehio Foundation, a nonprofit organization

formed by Sen. Paul Manglona and his wife Lydia in 1989 in recognition of the academic achievements of Rota students.

Alpino described the feeling as "overwhelming" upon receiving all these honors. She especially recognized her parents for the sacrifices in supporting her studies throughout the years. "Without them, I would have not made this far." In her valedictory address, Alpino also lauded the important contributions of her mentors, colleagues, and friends in completing her secondary education with flying colors.

Named this year's salutatorian was Pauline M. Manglona, the recipient of the Commissioner of Education award and was also among the recipients of Kolehio Foundation that granted her \$700 in financial assistance for her college.

Pauline is the daughter of Sen. Paul Manglona and Lydia Manglona. She will further her education at the Universi-

ty of New Mexico where she will take up nursing.

The 17-year-old top student said it was a great feeling when all the hard work finally paid off. She vowed to continue to strive for excellence in her col-

lege to achieve her goals. She also recognized her parents for their unconditional support and love throughout the years. Manglona was also a member of the National Honor Society.

Rota High School principal

Sharlene Manglona, along with education officials, conferred diplomas to 31 high school students this school year.

Named in the Top 10 list were Katelyn Alpino, Pauline Manglona, Crystal Calvo, Jennylyn

Dela Cruz, Anton Salazar, Auri-  
onne Hizon, Shane Ogo, Mark  
Guiawan, Princes Ayuyu, and  
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The event was keynoted by the school's senior class adviser Camas Baugh.

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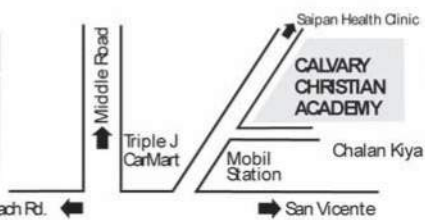


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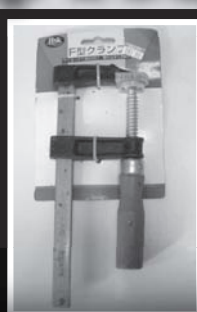
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# Successful turnout for GTC health, cultural festival

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REPORTER

Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School had a successful turnout for its annual health and cultural festival last Saturday where community members gathered and joined in the day-long festivities.

The school wowed guests by offering various presentations in celebration of the important occasion. Students and teachers in their colorful costumes opened the festivities with the traditional parade of cultures and presentation of national flags. Food vendors, games, and exhibits also added to the festival's attractions this year.

GTC is home to 12 various ethnicities and cultures. The cultural day aims to promote unity and appreciation of each other's origins and traditions. This year's theme is "Strengthening school and community partnerships for families."

Organized by the school's Parents Teachers Association, Saturday's event also marked GTC's annual fundraising day where it aims to generate funds for the students' immediate needs.

PTA vice president Ralph Mafnas told *Saipan Tribune* that the association wants to procure new playground equipment for students and provide assistance



Members of the Koblerville Elementary School's Umang Glee Club were among the participants in last Saturday's health and cultural festival at Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School.

to the school's immediate supplies like toiletries and classroom materials.

But because of the present economic situation of families, Mafnas said PTA did not set a goal for this year and will appreciate whatever amount they could raise for the school.

Mafnas described the event as more of a "celebration" and "re-

wards" to the students and families who continue to support GTC's goals of providing quality education to students. The occasion, he said, also celebrates the many accomplishments and achievements received by the students throughout the year.

Despite being a very small school with only over 200 enrollees each year, Mafnas claimed

that both parental and community involvement are great at GTC.

Mafnas, along with his wife, were among the food vendors at the festival ground where 20 percent of proceeds will be donated to the school. The event was also highlighted by the annual Binadu Idol Competition and the Dancing with the Binadu contest.

## Man allegedly burglarizes restaurant, steals freezer, other items

Police arrested on Sunday in As Matuis a man who allegedly burglarized a restaurant in Tanapag and stole a freezer and other items.

Sylvestry M. Amirez, 26, who was arrested for burglary and theft, was taken to the Superior Court yesterday afternoon for a bail hearing.

A \$20,000 cash bail was initially imposed for Amirez's

temporary liberty.

Detective Patrick P. Sablan stated in his report that on May 24, 2011 at 6:11pm, a police officer responded to a burglary and theft incident that happened at the Wrath By the Sea Restaurant in Tanapag.

Sablan said that on Friday morning, he met a man at his residence in Tanapag and escorted him to the Department of

Public Safety's Criminal Investigation Bureau for an interview regarding the burglary case.

Sablan said the man admitted that on May 24 at 9pm, Amirez came to his residence with a pickup truck and asked for his assistance.

Amirez allegedly asked the person to help him carry a freezer at the Wrath By the Sea Restaurant.

The detective said both the person and Amirez proceeded to the restaurant and transported a freezer, an ice box, and three steel stove burners into the truck.

The two then dropped the items to Amirez's residence in As Matuis.

The report did not indicate that police considered Amirez's companion as a suspect too. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 14, 1999

### Filipinos in CNMI celebrates Philippine Independence Day

In commemoration of the 101st anniversary of Philippine independence, the country's Foreign Affairs Secretary told Filipinos in the CNMI that they have more reasons to be proud of their heritage. "The Filipino migrant worker and the Filipino immigrant have more reasons to be proud of the Philippines. By building upon our strengths as a people, we have ensured that our achievements are not confined anymore within our country. We are increasingly being heard, and listened to, in the community of nations," said Domingo L. Siazon in a message delivered by Vice-Consul Ronell Santos. Messages from Philippine officials were read during the flag raising ceremony at the Nauru building to commence the day's celebration.

### DYS helps parenting makes sense

The Division of Youth Services last year gathered a total of 114 parents in their Common Sense Parenting workshop in the CNMI. From this group, a single father said he learned to communicate with his children, spending more time talking with them. According to a mother, she has applied the things she learned from the workshop to both her children and husband. DYS parenting instructor Connie Cabrera said while a number of parents were referred to the workshop by the agency, court and other government offices, over 50 came on their own, relying on the positive feedback they heard from friends and neighbors.

June 14, 2000

### OPA cites NMC's weakness in control over collections

There is a need for the Northern Marianas College Business Office to adopt and implement clear policies and administrative sanctions in order to ensure better control over cash collections, according to the Office of the Public Auditor. OPA's recommendation came following the conclusion of its investigation on the alleged embezzlement of funds collected at the NMC-Business Office between Nov. 5 and 9, 1999, involving \$10,500 in total collections. An audit report released yesterday disclosed the former NMC Business Office cashier failed to deposit the full amount of daily collections, and to account for cash funds in his custody.

### \$30K available for professional development

The Public School System is set to award a federally-funded grant worth \$30,000 to one qualified public school for school-based professional development targeted to increase student achievement and performance. Highly competitive, this federal assistance program must identify preservice or inservice training opportunities that would either improve teacher technology education programs or support activities for educators, school administrators or related services personnel. According to PSS Federal Programs Coordinator Bill Matson, training should focus on improving students' knowledge on learning via technology, in preparation for the approval of the E-rate (education rate) in schools, a federal discount program for telecommunications services.

June 14, 2001

### Phone etiquette program at NMC

Northern Marianas College's Community Programs recently completed the transfer of a Meridian Phone System to be used for a Business Telephone Etiquette Training. The system was relocated from one of the College's computer labs and installed with the help of staff from Verizon. NMC's Community Programs has become more proactive and has taken steps to become a major partner and contributor in the promotion and improvement of customer service training in the community, both in the private and government sectors. The system originally donated and installed by MTC now Verizon is equipped with sixteen (16) stations.

### PIA's plea for longer FAA deadline backed

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce yesterday backed calls by the Pacific Island Aviation to extend the inter-island carrier's deadline to comply with recently mandated federal regulations. PIA officials earlier wrote United States Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta, requesting for a deadline extension. FAA regulations call for PIA to upgrade the baggage/cargo compartments of its three Shorts aircraft SD3-60 aircraft from "Class D" to "Class C" specifications before June 20 of this year. "Of course these regulations must be adhered to. We are doing what we can to assist PIA in obtaining an extension on the time they need to comply with these regulations," Chamber President Richard A. Pierce told Mineta in a letter.

THE NMI Council for the Humanities, in collaboration with the Saipan Tribune, is running a series of photographs in this section every Tuesday and is inviting the public to identify the persons or places featured in this section.

# Can You Identify?



Last week's photo was identified as: Margarita R. Olopai-Taitano. She was identified by: Daria Romolar, Anna Sakisat, Bell Guerrero, Kurt Barnes, Chong Torres, Remedio Cangco, Rita Cabrera, Vivian Igisaia, Angie Guerrero, Tomiko Olaitman, Johnny Aldan, Cecilia Lisua, Dimas Omar, Cecilia Kileman, Margarita Rios, Alice Odoshi, Bernie Rabaulman, Emma Martin, Lynn Sablan, Rosa T. Lizama, Nora Bornilla, Amalina L. Evangelista, Robert Camacho, Jack Bueais, Vicky T. Deleon Guerrero, Anna Kaniki, Lorraine and Bego, Francis S. Pangelinan, Carmen C. Gaskins, Mary Kapileo, Manny R. Ogarto, Pete Duenas, Maria Santos, and MaryAnn B. Arriola, the Olopai family, Joe Mendiola, Maggie Camacho, Rep. Stanley Torres, and Debra Tenorio.

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# Dismissal of Pohnpei investors' suit vs Clinton, Salazar affirmed

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REPORTER

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has affirmed the federal court's dismissal of a lawsuit filed by a group of investors against the State of Pohnpei, State Secretary Hillary Clinton, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, and Federated States of Micronesia Development Bank, over the alleged collapse of their business in Pohnpei.

Ninth Circuit judges upheld former chief judge Alex R. Munson's ruling that the court lacks jurisdiction on the matter pursuant to the Compact of Free Association or the Agreement Regarding the Investment Development Fund.

The Ninth Circuit judges said that Congress did not provide for a private right of action or a private remedy pursuant to the Compact or the Agreement, whether classified as a treaty or a statute.

AHPW Inc. and its shareholders—Robert C. Arthur, Patricia B. Arthur, Bethwell Henry, and Marihne Henry—

filed the lawsuit in June 2009 in federal court.

AHPW Inc. was created by the Arthurs and Henrys to operate a pepper processing and button manufacturing business. Patricia Arthur and Marihne Henry were the stockholders. The Arthurs are U.S. citizens residing in Pohnpei, while the Henrys are FSM citizens residing in Pohnpei. FSM Development Bank is part of the FSM government.

The case arises out of an unpaid loan made to plaintiffs from the FSM Development Bank.

The plaintiffs allege that the State of Pohnpei engaged in anti-competitive conduct that ultimately destroyed their business and caused them to be unable to repay the loan with the FSM Development Bank.

Lawsuits were also filed in the FSM courts. The Arthurs and Henrys were ultimately found liable to the FSM Development Bank on the unpaid loan and the State of Pohnpei was found liable to AHPW for anti-competitive conduct.

AHPW, the Arthurs, and the Henrys then filed the suit in federal court.

On Nov. 30, 2009, Munson dismissed the plaintiff's suit and denied their motion for sanctions. The plaintiffs appealed.

In affirming Munson's ruling, the Ninth Circuit judges

said the district court did not err when it dismissed the case for lack of subject matter jurisdiction under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act.

The Ninth Circuit said the commercial activity conducted by the appellants (exporting peppercorns and trochus

buttons) occurred entirely in the Federated States of Micronesia and had no direct effect in the U.S.

"Therefore, the commercial activity exception did not apply, and no jurisdiction existed over the foreign state," the judges said.



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The internship will take place from July 18 to Aug. 19, 2011. As part of the internship program, students will explore and learn about the fields of agriculture and family sciences. NMC-CREES has different divisions including Aquaculture, Entomology, Plant Pathology, and Food Science.

The deadline to apply for the internship is no later than 4:30 pm on Monday, June 27, 2011. Application forms and additional information are available

at the NMC-CREES offices in Building F at the NMC Saipan campus, and at the administrative offices of the NMC Rota and Tinian instructional sites.

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### AGENDA

- I. Preliminary Matters –
  1. Roll Call
- II. Call to Order
- III. Adoption of Minutes -
  1. March 09, 2011
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
  1. Rules and Regulation Legal Update
  2. NLC Conference Update
  3. Attorney Investigation Conference Update
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  5. Healthcare Corporation
- V. Miscellaneous
- VI. Adjournment

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**BANK OF GUAM,** Plaintiff,  
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**RICARDO R. DADO and DELIA S. DADO,** Defendants.

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# Opinion

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### EDITORIAL

## AIDS: After 30 years, battle is far from over

There is a dramatic arc to the three-decade history of AIDS as an epidemic and social phenomenon. Since it was first reported 30 years ago this month, the disease has evolved from an unnamed and mysterious illness to a diabolical killing machine to a chronic condition that can be managed with drugs.

Overall, AIDS has killed 25 million people worldwide. But the successful campaign to transform it—and HIV, the virus that causes it—from a sentence of sure death to a diagnosis that comes with a treatment plan is a medical triumph.

And there are more hopeful signs. Studies show that new drugs, including a gel that women can use, have been effective in reducing transmission of HIV. There is also new research into a cure. After a man with HIV and leukemia underwent a stem-cell transplant for his cancer several years ago, he ended up freed of both diseases. Such a procedure is too expensive and dangerous a treatment for HIV. But his apparent cure has spurred several studies on gene therapy that could replicate the results.

According to UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS, the global rate of new HIV infections has been steadily decreasing, and so has the number of deaths. The largest number of new cases continues to be in sub-Saharan Africa, where there were 22.5 million people living with HIV in 2009, according to the U.N. There are more than 33 million people living with HIV worldwide, about 1.2 million of them in the United States.

Also of concern, the rate of new infections in the United States has remained at 50,000 a year for the last 12 years. African-Americans in this country and women worldwide are disproportionately affected. Expensive anti-retroviral drugs remain out of reach for millions of people who should be taking them.

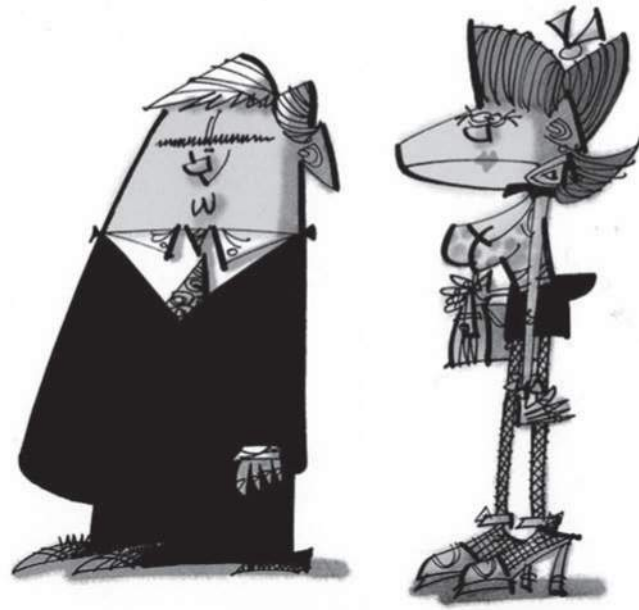
AIDS has been with us for so long, and the gains have been so dramatic, that many people have been lulled into carelessness or nonchalance. It's time to get back to the basics, the preventive steps that have been available for years. Condom use is one. Needle exchange programs are another. Worldwide, there should be new public service campaigns to remind people of the remaining dangers.

In this country, federal and state governments need to fund more fully the national assistance program for people with HIV who don't have insurance to cover the anti-retroviral drugs they need. Though there is no vaccine or over-the-counter cure yet, the spread of HIV can be stopped.

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**Q.** WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
NEWT GINGRICH & A PROSTITUTE?

**A.** Judge © ZILLKANSCHASTAR/judgeo ke-stay.com



THERE ARE SOME THINGS A PROSTITUTE WON'T DO.

## Danger grows as Syrian regime falters

The Syrian people have good reason to feel let down by those around the world who claim to believe passionately in human rights and democracy. The international community has shown misguided restraint in condemning Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's slaughter of his own people. In trying to prove he should be allowed to stay in power, Assad has shown exactly the opposite.

On June 5, the world saw just how much more dangerous he has become. Assad wanted the events of that day to prove that his fall would create more risks than his survival does. We already had evidence of the unspeakable brutality he has deployed against his own people. Now we have seen that Assad is willing to risk a new war in the Middle East to prove he should be allowed to destroy Syria's pro-democracy opposition without international interference.

To make that point, the regime allowed, encouraged or perhaps helped orchestrate a protest at the Israeli-Syrian border in which more than 20 Palestinian protesters reportedly died. Damascus happily let the international media point a finger of blame at Israel. The facts, however, show this was no simple march for freedom.

The warning had come earlier. In an interview with The New York Times, Assad's cousin and Syrian regime insider Rami Makhlouf declared, "If there is no stability here, there is no way there will be stability in Israel. ... God forbid, anything happens to this regime."

June 5 was a time to illustrate. The date marks the anniversary of the 1967 Six-Day War, known by Arabs as the Naksa, the setback. Normally, government security forces keep the border with Israel quiet. Nobody approaches. This time, protesters arrived in buses, waved through checkpoints by Syrian soldiers. Syrian state television had already staked positions and ambulances took their places. Israeli officials, having had the experience during protests marking the anniversary of Israel's founding, had vowed to prevent anyone from breaching the border, but to do it with minimal use of force.

Israeli loudspeakers told protesters in Arabic to disperse. As they kept approaching the border, throwing Molotov cocktails, Israelis fired tear gas. When some tried to break through the border, they fired over their heads and later at their legs.

When it was all over, Syrian officials claimed more than 20 protesters had been killed by Israelis. Incredibly, the international media unquestioningly quoted the regime's figures and facts.

The protest took place in a disputed border dotted with landmines, where a war was fought. Israeli officials said troops fired very few bullets, saying firebombs started a brushfire that ignited mines, setting off explosions that killed protesters.

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Israel filed a complaint at the United Nations accusing Damascus of "dangerous provocations." This risky Syrian gambit could trigger a war.

Journalists didn't have to accept Israel's explanation at face value. But it's astonishing they accepted Syria's without a second thought. That's especially true considering events in Syria. Two days before the border clashes, Syrian human rights groups say the regime massacred another 60 pro-democracy demonstrators. The Sunday of the border battle, they killed an additional 30 protesters.

The atrocities are causing seasoned experts to shudder. A Human Rights Watch report on Syria is called, "We've Never Seen Such Horror." The regime has killed more than 1,000 civilians, arrested thousands more. Look up the story of 13-year-old Hamza Ali al-Khateeb for a story of torture one can scarcely comprehend.

Assad has good reason for wanting to warn off the West from applying sanctions, and he would like nothing more than to distract his own people and the rest of the Arab world by stoking rage against Israel rather than contempt for Damascus and its axis.

This is not just about Assad. Syrian demonstrators have been chanting "No to Assad," but also "No to Iran, No to Hezbollah!" The protests threaten the Iran-Syria-Hezbollah-Hamas bloc. There is much at stake here not just for the regime in Damascus but for the entire region. Syria and Iran have kept Hamas and Hezbollah stockpiled with weapons. Without Damascus, the structure would wobble; perhaps fall.

The lesson from the border protests is that Assad leads an exceedingly dangerous regime. If his brutality against the Syrian people was not enough, his willingness to trigger another regional war—with the support of his allies in Tehran, Beirut and Gaza—should convince the international community to impose stern sanctions, and work for his removal.

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**Grow or die!**

**A** fish swimming upstream must constantly be moving in order to maintain its position or make progress up the river. Once it stops its effort, it will be carried downstream. This is a metaphor that relates to life as a moving stream, and also applies to what it takes to succeed in business. Unless you are growing, you are in the process of dying. Merely hunkering down to survive can be compared to not making an effort to keep moving and growing. Eventually, this leads to being washed downstream with the other businesses that are just waiting for something to change.

Growth doesn't only refer to getting bigger, but to also getting better. To "grow your business" means to grow in value, become stronger and more capable, and succeed in the achievement of your goals. Growing businesses make greater contributions to the community and strengthen the economy.

During the BizGrowth CHALLENGE that I've mentioned in previous articles, you will be given a challenge to develop and grow in six essential dimensions. Just as you, as an individual, have six dimension that require attention to live a fulfilled life, your business as an entity outside yourself should be balanced in these various dimensions to be fully functioning.

To help illustrate why it's important to take care of each dimension let's look at the six dimensions that allow you to live a more fulfilled life and how they correlate to your business. Your dimensions are physical capability, social/emotional relationships, intellectual capacity, financial management, career development, and spiritual strength (focusing on things outside yourself such as worship or volunteer work).

Before I entered the Gold's Gym Transformation Challenge, I was in poor physical condition with a shoulder injury that kept me from exercising and caused me to wake up several times each night from pain. I

was also slightly overweight, congested, had high blood pressure and thought I was going to spend the rest of old age suffering like this.

My poor health affected other dimensions of life because I was always tired from the lack of sleep, was stressed out, and wasn't motivated to do more. By focusing on my weak dimension and strengthening it, I also improved the other dimensions of my life, which has given me more energy to do the things I've been procrastinating.

Likewise, if you are weak in a business dimension, such as Operational Capability, you'll find that your business has outgrown your ability to manage it and you may be the bottleneck that's keeping you from pursuing opportunities or adequately taking care of the many challenges you encounter.

In a March 2011 survey of 89 business owners on Saipan, 71 percent said they attract more customers through advertising; yet, 57 percent stated that they spend \$100 or less per month in advertising. If they are weak in Marketing Strength, then it will have an adverse impact on Financial Improvement, which will affect other dimensions because of inadequate money.

During the CHALLENGE you'll be able to identify the level of vitality in all of your business dimensions, then work to improve each one, but particularly the weaker areas that are creating an adverse affect on your overall business "health." There will be questionnaires and models to help you diagnose your business and then create a plan of action to strengthen each of the dimensions. Long after the CHALLENGE is over, your business can continue to improve in each dimension for continued growth. The following is a list of the six business dimensions (and their correlating life dimensions):

- 1) Innovation and Growth (Intellectual Capacity)
- 2) Professional Development (Career Development)
- 3) Operational Capability (Physical Capability)
- 4) Marketing Strength (Spiritual Strength—Customers are the

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soul of your business)

5) Stakeholder Relationships (Social/Emotional Relationships)

6) Financial Improvement (Financial Management)

All of these are centered on the core of your business, which should be a strong Customer Focus. In other words, each of these dimensions should support a strong focus on better serving your customers because the overriding purpose of all businesses, as described by management guru Peter Drucker, is to create [and keep] a customer.

At the BizGrowth Launch Symposium on Thursday, June 23, you'll be issued the first Challenge. As you complete this and each successive Challenge, you'll have the chance to evaluate your business in that dimension and take corrective action to improve it. Some dimensions will be your strength and other areas will be areas of improvement. As you continue to meet the Challenges, you will be laying the foundation for a more customer-focused business that operates more effectively with trained staff who know how to market and come up with ideas that continuously improve your business. The end result will be better relationships with your stakeholders (customers, employees, vendors, etc.) as well as financial improvement from reducing costs and increasing revenue.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR****Who's responsibility? It's ridiculous**

The author of the ridiculous letter complaining about my complaint over the government not sending the scholarship checks doesn't seem to realize that there are two parties involved and both have responsibilities. The government has a "contractual" responsibility to help these students and they have a responsibility to come back and contribute. Contracts are binding agreements that cannot be broken by either party. Simply put—the government is violating the contract and we—students and parents—have a right to protest the government's failure to live up to the contract.

I find it very disturbing and ridiculous that someone on the mainland doesn't have any compassion for the future of the CNMI and their fellow citizens who are traveling the same difficult road to attend college on the other side of the world. The author was bragging about not ever complaining about their scholarship check. Well, they got their scholarship checks when she was an undergraduate and they were never this late. It was also obvious this person wasn't faced with the same financial challenges as many of her counterparts who are not so well off financially. Comparing herself with those who have not is truly an unfair assessment and even arrogant.

I am sure that everyone receiving a scholarship is thankful but

the author failed to recognize the fact that these students were asked to go off to school and to come back and contribute to the CNMI in a contract with the government just like the author. The government promised this money to these students and is responsible for living up to the contract. The author is so misguided to complain because parents and students want the government to live up to its promise—her complaint is truly ridiculous. The author signed the same contract and I can only wonder is the author going to ever come back and fulfill her obligation for taking scholarship funds—now the spotlight is on the author to deliver what they promised for taking scholarship funds. The CNMI needs all the local professionals we can get or the future is destined for an alien professional leadership and workforce.

FYI author, telling these students to literally forget about the scholarship, when others got theirs and to find other sources of funding their education in the middle of the school year is simply ridiculous. The author makes it sound like it is OK to be unfair. She even said "college education is an investment" but she didn't seem to understand the investment is not just for the students but for the CNMI. She also said a college education is a risk which ev-

everyone knows is ridiculous because the only risk for these students is their dependency upon the CNMI government.

She was right when she said that "many will be unsupportive fans of this letter" and she was right. Who in their right mind does not want these students to get their scholarships and who would be so ridiculous to complain about making this government live up to its promise? The author talked about how the decision to attend college was solely on these students—well FYI author, there were two decisions made, one by the government and one by the students so the author really needs to stop being so ridiculous because it is the government who is not living up to its promise. The government is responsible for its decision to commit to a contract with these students and the author needs to know that many of these students made the decision to attend college based on the government's promise to help them—not on their family's bank account.

Our government has failed on so many promises that people like the author seem to think it is OK to forget about these students—ridiculous! I'm sure most readers will disagree with the author and her letter against students getting their checks. I also have a hunch that the author is somehow tied to the present administration to write such a ridiculous letter in an attempt to derail the protest. She is entitled to her opinion even though it is totally ridiculous.

**Ambrose M. Bennett**

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**A win-win situation**

On June 6, 2011 Congressman Gregorio Killili C. Sablan came to the home of the Aeronautical Dolphins. He was greeted by our principal Craig Garrison and escorted to our classroom. Upon arrival, the Aeronautical Dolphins gave the congressman a warm Dolphin hello.

The purpose of Mr. Sablan's visit was to distribute some aerospace books to compliment the learning curriculum of the program.

These books are written by the United States Air Force and they cover the history of aviation as well as the future aspects of aerospace.

This material will be implemented with the current theoretical material that is being taught in the class. Mr. Sablan spoke with the students individually and he allowed us to take some pictures with him.

We hope this program can assist students in their bid for an Air Force Appointment. I also mentioned to him that I had highly motivated students that already understood the inside track of Air Force Core Values. We, as a class will also like to thank Congressman Sablan in his efforts in helping our trip to Guam/Andersen AFB/Continental Airlines a reality.

Finally, we are communicating with Fly Guam about a possible partnership with this program. And we want to thank them for their



Congressman Gregorio Killili C. Sablan poses with members of the Aeronautical Dolphins at Marianas High School.

consideration. Thus, partnering with local companies for our local students is always a win-win outcome.

**John Raulerson**






*MHS teacher*

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 89° ▼ 79°	▲ 88° ▼ 79°	▲ 88° ▼ 79°	▲ 88° ▼ 79°	▲ 88° ▼ 79°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 82
Palau	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Yap	Rain	▲ 85 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 76
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 75
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 89 ▼ 77
Majuro	Rain	▲ 86 ▼ 77

### Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 60 ▼ 55
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲ 93 ▼ 73
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 84
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 83 ▼ 75
London	Mostly Sunny	▲ 70 ▼ 56
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71 ▼ 59
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 82
Melbourne	Sunny	▲ 59 ▼ 46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 93 ▼ 77
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲ 76 ▼ 61
Osaka	Cloudy	▲ 79 ▼ 64
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 77 ▼ 58
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 74 ▼ 66
Rome	Thundershowers	▲ 79 ▼ 65
Salem	Showers	▲ 68 ▼ 50
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 66 ▼ 56
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲ 83 ▼ 64
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 75 ▼ 66
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 82 ▼ 62

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
5:02 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
12:36 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
7:45 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2011**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends east-southeastward from 6N130E to end southeast of Koror at EQ139E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found southwest of Koror southwest of a line from 7N130E to EQ140E. Scattered showers north of the trough are occurring over Koror within 80 miles of a line from 10N130E to 6N139E. A surface trough stretches southwestward to end at a circulation centered well southeast of Yap at 1N142E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are located between 7N and the equator from 140E to 150E. Converging trade winds southeast of Chuuk are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Chuuk and Pohnpei within 120 miles of a line from 6N150E to 2N160E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Wednesday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Thursday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Friday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Saturday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:16 PM	3:52 AM
Wednesday	6:17 PM	4:50 AM
Thursday	7:15 PM	5:49 AM
Friday	8:08 PM	6:49 AM
Saturday	8:56 PM	7:46 AM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	5K389	1:35pm	2:25pm	1, 4, 6
5K382	6:00pm	6:50pm	2, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
MU590	4:30am	7:20am	2, 6	MU589	8:50pm	3:30am+1	1, 5
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 5	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 4	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	7:45am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:00am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09313/933	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM	C0892/9596	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/893	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:25am+1	6 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM
OZ604/715	3:20pm	11:30pm	7	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
				C0934/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ724/603	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	5K169	9:55am	5:00pm	2, 5, 7
5K168	3:25pm	6:35pm	1, 4, 6	OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
				C0910/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 400	17:50	18:20	Daily				
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
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## 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

# Bishop Camacho celebrates milestone

I had to concentrate on the mass because I was a brand new priest that I temporarily forgot the grieving part in me," he said.

But past his resilient facade, Camacho wept by himself.

"After all this, I went back to Guam and reported to the bishop who told me, 'Fr. Tomas, your experience will make you a very caring person.' Hopefully, it did," said Camacho.

## Humble beginnings

"All my life, I always wanted to be a priest," admitted Camacho, adding that he served as an altar server for 14 years at the temporary church located where the current post office was built.

It was Fr. Jose Tardio, a Spanish Jesuit who served as priest before, during, and after the war, whom Camacho considers as the big influence for him to enter priesthood.

"He's a very lively person. He tells jokes even during homilies. He would make people laugh and then bang! The lesson comes right after the laughter," Camacho said of Tardio who was also very fluent in Chamorro language.

Camacho, who became a priest at 27, said his first assignment was being the first assistant to the Hagatna Cathedral under Msgr. Felixberto Flores.

"At the same time, I was the priest in charge of the Mong-mong Church next to Hagatna from 1961 to 1968," he said.

Camacho was also assigned in Rota, Tumon, Inarajan, and back to Hagatna as a rector before being assigned in 1976 to Mount Carmel Cathedral which became a separate diocese in 1985.

## Life after being a bishop

Camacho officially retired as the

highest ranking prelate in April 2009, a few months after being diagnosed with lung cancer.

He had undergone in Honolulu an operation that involved the removal of one-fifth of his lungs.

"I mentioned this in my resignation letter to the pope. I said my endurance has been reduced tremendously," added Camacho.

These days, Camacho keeps himself busy writing his regular column on the *North Star*, updating Sunday readings and Chamorro hymns, or finishing the Chamorro translation of the bible which he does with a seven-member team.

Doing these activities, Camacho said, depend on his health condition. "My health is very temperamental. There are days when I just lie down. There are days when I perk up."

## Anniversary celebration

To celebrate the golden jubilee of his ordination, Camacho said he will celebrate the 6am mass today at the cathedral to be followed by breakfast at the parish office.

"There have been too many big celebrations, like when I turned 75 and when the diocese turned 25. This time, we'll make it very simple," he said.

Camacho also disclosed that Rev. Arroyo, who was ordained at the same time as him, is flying in from Guam to take part in the celebration.

The bishop emeritus said he continues to pray that more Chamorros will take on the same vocation. "It's in the hands of God also," he added.

Camacho said his ordination that fateful day far exceeds the

grief he was able to conceal from the people around him.

"All throughout, I'm very blessed with satisfaction. If I were to do it over again, I would do it," he said.

Camacho is very thankful for all the parishioners who have supported him in his ministry.

"There are very wonderful people I met who support me. Sometimes, I pour my heart out when I'm disappointed but they boost me up. You need that as a priest," he said.

Camacho expressed confidence that the person who will be selected to take over his post will make sure that the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa will be in good hands.

"God is always there directing and dictating our church," he added.



CLARISSA A. DAVID

Bishop Emeritus Tomas A. Camacho stands next to his framed ordination letter inside his old office at Mount Carmel Cathedral in Susupe.

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There are two events Bishop Emeritus Tomas A. Camacho remembers happening on this day exactly 50 years ago: he was being ordained as a priest while his sick father was receiving the sacrament of penance.

"I was ordained on June 14, 1961, a Wednesday, at 10am in Hagatna, Guam. I felt mixed emotions because at the same time, my father was dying here on Saipan and receiving the sacrament of penance," recalls Camacho in an interview in his old office at the Mount Carmel Cathedral in Susupe.

Filled with vivid recollections of that day, Camacho said it was Bishop William Baumgartner, the bishop for the entire Marianas, who ordained him and another man from Guam, Brigido Arroyo.

"I was happy because I finally reached my goal to become a priest," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Camacho noted, however, that to be delighted for something so blessed was neither easy for him nor his family because Vidal Camacho, his father who was suffering from lung cancer, was almost set to depart this life.

"My mother, two brothers, and two sisters went to Guam with me to witness my ordination while my two brothers stayed behind for my father," he said.

Camacho said the bishop was very understanding of his family's circumstances and allowed him to come back home right after the ordination.

"But transportation wasn't reliable at that time," he explained. "The next morning, it was only my mother who was able to get on the plane and immediately returned to Saipan."

## First celebrated mass

According to Camacho, newly ordained priests at that time have to celebrate their first mass only in a church.

"The bishop, after ordination, told me that I could go directly to the hospital and celebrate my first mass for my father. He gave me special consideration," he said.

On June 17, 1961, Saturday, Camacho and his siblings flew back to Saipan and went straight to the Maturana hospital where his sick father was staying to celebrate his very first mass.

"The plane where we rode circled above Maturana. My father knew I was on that plane. He was so happy that he almost passed away at that moment," he recounted.

The following day, Camacho then celebrated his first church mass at the Mount Carmel Cathedral with the help of many parishioners.

"The bishop was kind enough to tell me that after celebrating the church mass, I can stay with my family until my father passes away," he added.

## First funeral mass

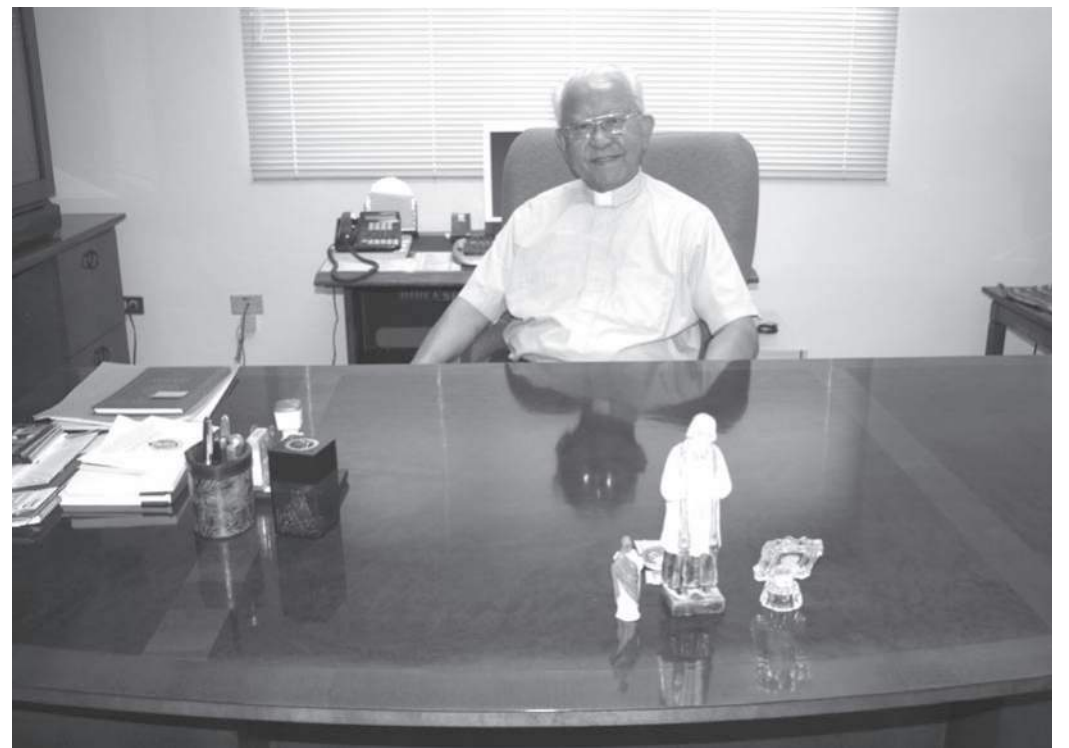
But Camacho said it wasn't until October while he was on Guam when his father passed.

Camacho went to Guam in September 1961 to teach religion at Fr. Duenas High School and the Academy of Our Lady of Guam.

"I had to go for the opening of schools. I was there until October, when my father was on the verge of death," he said.

Camacho's first funeral mass was for his father, who was buried on Oct. 21, 1961, his mother Maria Aguon Camacho's birthday.

"I went through the motions.



CLARISSA A. DAVID

Bishop Emeritus Tomas A. Camacho sits on his chair at his former office at the Mount Carmel Cathedral in Susupe.

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# Business

## Comcast's \$4.4B Olympian bid a bold online bet

LOS ANGELES (AP)—NBC lost more than \$200 million the last time it showed the Winter Olympics, and it's bracing for similar losses in London next year.

So, plenty of people scoffed when the network bid \$4.4 billion—nearly a billion more than runner-up Fox—for the U.S. rights to carry the four games through 2020.

Yet the price may prove right.

The growth of Internet video and opportunities under NBC's new owner, Comcast Corp., should help cut losses significantly and perhaps make the Olympics profitable after the London Games. There's also an intangible promotional benefit to NBC.

Consider this: Even at a loss, the Olympics generate huge audiences. About 185 million people saw some of the Olympics in Vancouver last year. The struggling broadcaster can promote new shows to those viewers as it tries to dig out of fourth place.

NBC didn't pay all that much for the Olympics, considering that TV rights fees for other major sports such as Pac-12 college basketball have been doubling or tripling. For the 2014 and 2016 games, it's paying about the same as it has been. For the final two games in the deal, NBC is paying just 19 percent more.

Morgan Stanley analyst Benjamin Swinburne called NBC's deal an "Olympic win at the right price."

He said NBC should be able to cut its Olympic losses in half after London, as long as viewership doesn't change and advertising rates keep improving.

Beyond that, NBC can create more ad opportunities by tapping sports channels added to the NBCUniversal family when Comcast took control in January. One is the Golf Channel—convenient for Comcast as golf joins the Olympics in 2016. Another is Versus, which Comcast is positioning as a competitor to ESPN, another Olympic bidder.

NBCUniversal will have about 20 channels and more than 40 websites to cover the games. By contrast, it used five channels and one website in 2010, when it was controlled by General Electric Co.

The Olympics coverage can also help Comcast get higher fees from other cable TV companies such as Time Warner Cable Inc. to carry those channels in their lineups.

"It does not take too much to move it across the finish line in terms of getting more in the black," said Matthew Harrigan, an analyst with Wunderlich Securities.

NBC should also benefit from sponsorship packages developed by the U.S. Olympic Committee two years ago when the advertising market looked grim.

One such package creates a direct connection between the USOC, NBC and the sponsors—in this case, Citigroup, TD Ameritrade and a home-improvement company that still hasn't been determined. As part of the deal, the sponsors are committed to buying ads on NBC, giving the network a head start in selling commercials.

Because NBC will get rights for at least nine more years, the USOC will

be in a better position to make such long-term ad deals, USOC marketing chief Lisa Baird said.

One unknown is how fast Comcast can increase revenue from online viewing.

For the 2008 Summer Games in Beijing, NBC ran an unprecedented 2,200 hours of coverage over the Internet. For some fans it still wasn't enough. The network was pilloried, for instance, for waiting more than half a day to televise the men's 100-meter final so it could show Usain Bolt's record-breaking run in prime time.

Starting with the 2014 games in So-

chi, Russia, NBC plans to carry every single event live in some format or another. It will repackage the best events for U.S. television audiences when evening arrives.

Mark Lazarus, chairman of NBC Sports Group, told reporters last week that technology is changing so rapidly that the deal gives NBC the ability to exploit the games on every platform "now known or to be known or still to be conceived."

Comcast has been steadily rolling out its Xfinity TV software, which allows subscribers to watch shows on

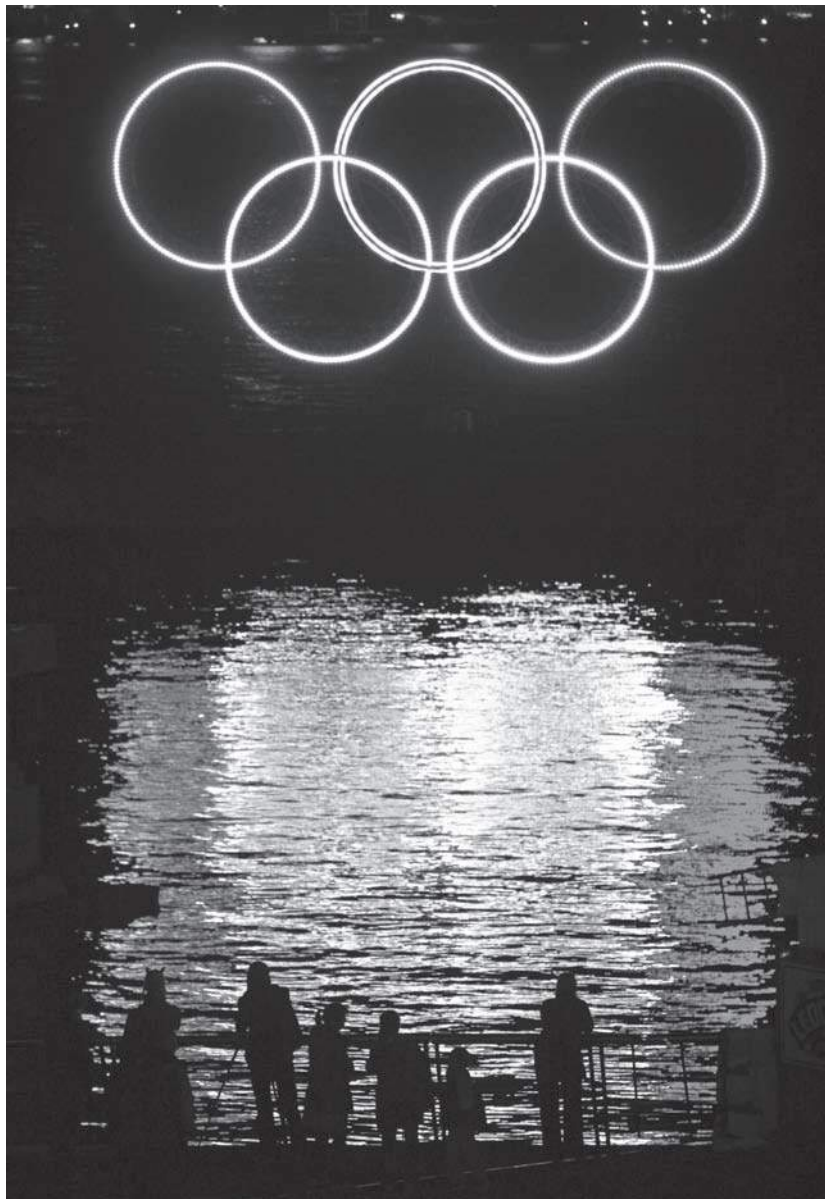
different devices and over the Web. Comcast will likely try to use that to make more money from the games.

Networks also have been increasing the amount of video ads accompanying online shows.

Analysts believe Comcast has plenty

of time and the right combination of channels, websites and subscribers to start cutting its losses in 2014.

Comcast CEO Brian Roberts said he's confident the games will be profitable, helped by new technology and the long-term nature of the deal.



In this Nov. 4, 2009 file photo, people stop to look at a tall set of Olympic rings after being illuminated in the harbor outside the Vancouver Convention Centre in Vancouver, Canada.

## Beijing-Shanghai high-speed railway set to open

SHANGHAI (AP)—Chinese railway authorities say all is ready for the opening of a showcase high-speed railway between Beijing and Shanghai later this month.

Railways Ministry Vice Minister Hu Yadong told reporters in Beijing on Monday that tickets for the rail link between the China's top two cities would range from 410 yuan to 1,750 yuan (\$63 to \$270), depending on speed and class of train seat.

The fastest travel time on the 1,318-kilometer (813 mile) line will be five hours, or about half the current time, and the longest to just under eight hours, he said in a transcript posted on

the ministry's website.

Trial operations for the new rail line began May 11. Its formal inauguration coincides with the July 1st 90th anniversary of the founding of the ruling Communist Party.

"We can proudly say that the Beijing-Shanghai high-speed railway is China's own, independent landmark project," Hu said.

Hu said the railway was designed to ensure absolute security and safety. Earlier, the top operational speed for its trains was cut to 300 kilometers per hour (186 mph) from the originally planned 350 kph (217 mph), after questions were raised about safety.

## Expert: Weaker Africans to benefit from free trade

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—Weaker countries that fear being overwhelmed in a huge African free trade area will benefit from it in the long term, a development expert said Sunday as leaders of 26 governments launched negotiations to create the zone encompassing nearly 600 million people and a combined GDP of more than \$800 billion.

In the short term, "you have to acknowledge the fact that within an FTA there are winners and losers," Kennedy Mbekeani, an African Development Bank official, said in an interview. But he said as the zone helps boost the region's economies, smaller members will benefit and find and develop sectors where they have competitive advantage. "They should not be defensive, they should go in with an open mind," said Mbekeani, recently appointed by his bank to help find ways to support the zone that stretches from Egypt down to South Africa and from Angola across to the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius. The bank would like to see a continentwide free trade zone, and sees the south and east bloc—which accounts for half the continent's population and GDP—as an important step in that direction.

In the early days, Mbekeani said, some countries will want to establish tariff and other barriers. He said barriers should be temporary, and while they are in place, countries should be strengthening their economies.

In a speech to the summit Sun-

day, the leader of Swaziland, King Mswati III, expressed some of the misgivings of countries like his, with among the smallest populations and weakest economies in the zone. Mswati called for negotiations to proceed cautiously.

"We should not compete, but complement one another so that we can all share in its success," the king said.

Host South Africa is the continent's economic powerhouse, but has high levels of unemployment and poverty. President Jacob Zuma, in his address to the summit, said the zone will help neighbors work together to alleviate poverty and build industrial capacity.

"There is no single country that can prosper on its own," Zuma said.

The zone brings together members of the Southern African Development Community, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa and the East African Community. Officials envision members lobbying together for aid and investment, presenting coherent and integrated plans. Plans for the zone include joint projects to improve roads and rail networks and power supply.

Zuma said a first phase of negotiations on allowing the free movement of goods were expected to take three years under the framework he and other leaders signed Sunday. Future negotiations will tackle trade in services and other issues. He also commended planners for recognizing the need to build manufacturing capacity and infrastructure.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Oil falls to near \$99 on Saudi crude output boost

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices fell to near \$99 a barrel Monday in Asia, extending a big loss from Friday after a report said Saudi Arabia plans to boost its crude production. Benchmark oil for July delivery was down 29 cents to \$99 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost \$2.64 to settle at \$99.29 on Friday. In London, Brent crude for July delivery was down 22 cents to \$118.56 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

#### Asian stock markets down amid recovery woes

BANGKOK (AP)—Asian stock markets retreated Monday as evidence mounted that recoveries in the world's biggest economies have hit a roadblock. Oil prices fell below \$99 a barrel, extending a big loss on Friday after a report said Saudi Arabia plans

to boost its crude production. In currencies, the dollar was stronger against the yen and the euro. Japan's Nikkei 225 dropped 0.8 percent to 9,441.34 after the government reported that core machinery orders fell unexpectedly in April by 3.3 percent from the previous month.

#### New firms join Canadian bid for Toronto exchange

TORONTO (AP)—Four new financial companies have joined a rival Canadian-only \$C3.6 billion bid for the TMX Group that could block a proposed merger of the Toronto and London stock exchanges. Maple Group Acquisition Corp. announced Sunday that Desjardins Financial Group, Dundee Capital Markets, GMP Capital Inc. and Manulife Financial have signed on as investors. Manulife is Canada's largest insurance company and Desjardins the biggest credit union, with major financial operations in Quebec. Dundee and GMP are smaller wealth managers.

# Nation

## First photos of Giffords released since shooting

**HOUSTON (AP)**—Two portraits of a smiling Rep. Gabrielle Giffords gave the nation its closest look yet at the congresswoman's remarkable recovery less than six months after she was shot in the head at point-blank range outside a supermarket.

The pictures posted Sunday on Facebook were the first clear photos of the Arizona congresswoman who rose to national prominence after a gunman opened fire on her in January as she met with constituents in Tucson. Six people were killed and 13 others wounded.

But the images left unanswered many questions about her cognitive abilities and when—or even if—she will be able to resume her job in Congress.

"The image doesn't tell us the inner mental state or the brain itself, how it's functioning," said Jordan Grafman, director of the Traumatic Brain Injury Research Laboratory at the Kessler Foundation Research Center in West Orange, N.J., explaining that many brain-injury patients look good within months of being hurt.

"What's their social skills? Do they have a nuanced sense of humor? Can they participate in activities? All that is what's important," asked Grafman, who has not treated Giffords.

In one of the images, Giffords smiles broadly and looks straight at the camera like a high school student posing for a yearbook. In another, more candid shot, she is grinning alongside her

mother. In both, her smile is largely unchanged, though her hair is shorter and darker. The pictures give few indications she has been hurt, let alone shot in the forehead.

Giffords' aides say she could be ready to be released from a rehabilitation center later this month or in early July. The idea was to discourage a "paparazzi-like frenzy" of photography when she attends outpatient therapy in a more public setting, they said.

The congresswoman's staff said the images had not been altered or touched up in any way. But other than saying the pictures were taken May 17 at the Houston rehabilitation hospital where Giffords has been undergoing treatment, her staff offered no further insight into her recovery.

For months, they have closely guarded Giffords and information about her condition. Her doctors, in the absence of permission from the family to speak publicly, remain mum. So the release of the photos attracted intense interest.

Giffords was shot in the left side of the head, the part of the brain that controls speech and communication. Doctors, friends and families have said she can speak, sing some of her favorite songs and engage in some conversation.

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz told NBC's "Meet the Press" she had a "wonderful conversation" Wednesday with Giffords on the phone, and that this time her colleague even initiated



This photo combo shows U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz. At left, Giffords takes part in a reenactment of her swearing-in on Capitol Hill in Washington, on Jan. 5, 2011, three days before she was shot as she met with constituents in Tucson, Ariz.



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some of the topics they discussed.

Since she was wounded, the public's only other glance of Giffords came in grainy images from late April that showed her slowly walking up the steps of a NASA jet that flew her to Cape Canaveral, Fla., to watch her husband, astronaut Mark Kelly, rocket into space.

The launch was delayed, forcing Giffords to make a second trip to Florida in May, when she watched the blastoff from a wheelchair.

Giffords spokesman C.J. Karamargin

acknowledged that the congresswoman looks different now than in the photos. Her hair is shorter because her head was shaved ahead of surgery to repair a gap in her skull that had initially been left open to allow her brain to swell. Doctors also fixed what appear to be subtle inequities between her eyes seen in the pictures, he said.

The photos were released to help satisfy "intense interest in the congresswoman's appearance." And they seemed to please the public and her admirers.

Hundreds of people commented under the images, which were posted on countless web sites. More than 3,000 people clicked "like" on Giffords' Facebook page.

Some of the comments also mentioned Jared Lee Loughner, 22, the shooting suspect who has pleaded not guilty to charges stemming from the shooting. He is being held at a Missouri facility where prosecutors hope his competency can be restored after a judge declared him unfit to stand trial. Others raised questions about the actual extent of Giffords' progress.

"It would be nice to get a truly honest assessment of her internal cognitive experience," wrote Alex Hakkinen, who told the AP he works with brain injury patients at a rehab center in Lawrenceville, N.J.

Hakkinen said Giffords' staff has an obligation to bring her out in public at some point so constituents can assess her abilities, maybe in a "fireside chat" of sorts. Or they should acknowledge that she's incapable of doing so right now, he said.

Chief of Staff Pia Carusone indicated in an interview published Thursday in the Arizona Republic that, despite reports that Giffords is talking and walking, she remains a shadow of her bubbly self. The congresswoman, she said, can verbalize her basic needs, but struggles to string together more complex thoughts.

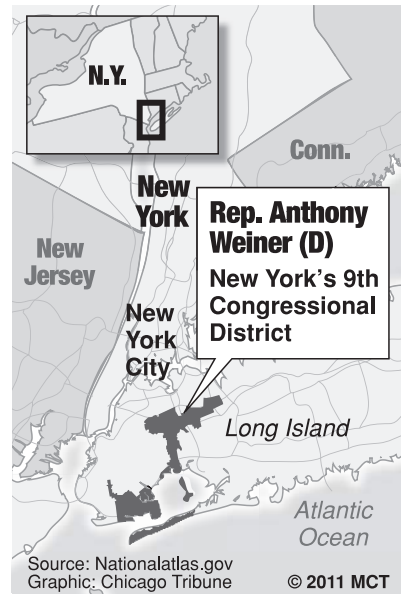
## Weiner won't go; new photos surface on Internet

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—The second-ranking House Democrat on Sunday joined the party leadership in urging Rep. Anthony Weiner to quit because of his sexting scandal, a request the New York lawmaker has sidestepped in favor of a temporary leave of absence.

The Republican Party chairman criticized Democratic leaders for not taking a more forceful stand earlier on the affair, which has overshadowed much of the legislative business on Capitol Hill over the past week.

Weiner has acknowledged exchanging messages and photos, ranging from sexually suggestive to explicit, with several women online. The latest to surface appeared on the gossip website TMZ.

The photos posted Sunday were purportedly taken in the House members' gym and show a shirtless Weiner with a towel around his waist and his hand on his crotch. In one photo he is naked and holding the towel over his crotch. TMZ



said the photos were sent online to at least one woman.

Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, the No. 2 House Democrat, spoke of Wein-

er's "bizarre and unacceptable behavior" in sending inappropriate pictures of himself to young women. Hoyer said it would be "extraordinarily difficult" for Weiner to continue to represent his constituents effectively.

In New York, foes and supporters of Weiner confronted each other.

"He's not fit to be our congressman," said Jim Scott, 61, one of about two dozen constituents who rallied in front of Weiner's office in the Kew Gardens section of Queens. "People are sick of him, especially his attitude."

Half a dozen Weiner supporters gathered a few yards away. College student Olivia Lurie, 18, said Weiner was a good leader who made a mistake.

Weiner announced Saturday that he was entering professional treatment at an undisclosed location and wanted a leave of absence from Congress. A statement from an aide did not say where he would receive treatment or what type was involved.

## 40 years after leak, Pentagon Papers coming out

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Forty years after the explosive leak of the Pentagon Papers, a secret government study chronicling deception and misadventure in U.S. conduct of the Vietnam War, the report is coming out in its entirety on Monday.

The 7,000-page report was the WikiLeaks disclosure of its time, a sensational breach of government confidentiality that shook Richard Nixon's presidency and prompted a Supreme Court fight that advanced press freedom. Prepared near the end of Lyndon Johnson's term by Defense Department

and private foreign policy analysts, the report was leaked primarily by one of them, Daniel Ellsberg, in a brash act of defiance that stands as one of the most dramatic episodes of whistleblowing in U.S. history. On Monday, the National Archives and presidential libraries are releasing the report in full, long after most of its secrets had spilled. The release is timed 40 years to the day after The New York Times published the first in its series of stories about the findings, on June 13, 1971. The papers showed that the Johnson, Kennedy and prior administrations had been escalating the

conflict in Vietnam while misleading Congress, the public and allies.

As scholars pore over the 47-volume report, Ellsberg says the chance of them finding great new revelations is dim. Most of it has come out in congressional forums and by other means, and Ellsberg plucked out the best when he painstakingly photocopied pages that he spirited from a safe night after night, and returned in the mornings. He told The Associated Press the value in Monday's release was in having the entire study finally brought together and put online, giving today's generations ready access to it.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Fire threat wanes; residents return to 2 AZ towns

**SPRINGVILLE, Ariz.** (AP)—Firefighters on Sunday expressed the first real sense of hope that they were making progress in their battle against a huge eastern Arizona wildfire burning since May, and officials began allowing roughly 7,000 residents to return home to two towns threatened for days by the blaze. To guard against flare-ups, fire crews remained in Springerville and the nearby town of Eagar, the two communities where evacuation orders were lifted over the weekend. But the blaze was "no longer a threat to the citizens" returning home, said Apache County Sheriff's Cmdr. Webb Hogle, although authorities still cautioned the elderly and those with health problems or very young children to stay away because of lingering smoke.

#### Protesters gather in Oakland over ex-cop's release

**OAKLAND, Calif.** (AP)—About 300 protesters gathered in downtown Oakland on Sunday to show their anger over a former San Francisco Bay Area transit police officer's pending release from jail after serving 11 months of a two-year sentence for killing an unarmed passenger. Under a heavy police presence, the protesters held a peaceful demonstration near City Hall as they vented their continued frustration before Johannes Mehserle's scheduled release Monday from a Los Angeles County jail. He was ordered to serve time there after his high-profile trial was moved

to Southern California last year.

#### Cities by the Missouri hope levees hold back flood

**OMAHA, Neb.** (AP)—The scramble is nearly over to fill thousands of sandbags and construct last-minute levees to heights that haven't been needed in decades, but those preparations were only the first round of what's likely to be a summer-long battle against the bloated Missouri River. Peak flows are expected to arrive early in the week in riverfront communities in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completes a gradual increase of releases from dams upstream. The surge through the lower half of the river this week will expose any weaknesses in the flood protections.

#### NORAD intercepts small plane near Camp David

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—NORAD says two F-15 fighters had to intercept a small aircraft that had no radio communication and was flying near the presidential retreat at Camp David, Maryland. A statement said the fighter jets met the Beechcraft Bonanza on Saturday afternoon about 11 miles from Camp David and escorted it out of the area. It landed in the nearby city of Hagerstown without incident. President Barack Obama traveled with first lady Michelle and their daughters to the retreat on Friday. The family is spending part of the weekend there. NORAD is responsible for defending North America's air space from attacks.

# Asia

## PH leader: Graft-tainted projects stopped

**KAWIT, Philippines (AP)**—President Benigno Aquino III said Sunday his government has stopped several graft-tainted projects and cut bureaucratic perks, allowing it to raise extra money to feed the poor, equip troops and improve the country's image among investors.

But Aquino acknowledged in an Independence Day speech that formidable problems continue to plague the impoverished Southeast Asian nation, including shortages of jobs, schools, doctors and hospitals and a dependence on imported rice despite its vast farmlands.

More than a century after rising up against Spanish colonizers, Filipinos still have not been liberated from social ills like poverty because they have failed to eradicate corruption, Aquino said in Kawit town in Cavite province south of Manila where revolutionaries declared independence from Spain 113 years ago.

"If we want to liberate the

country, we need to free the government and ourselves from greed," Aquino said on the balcony of a historic, flag-draped mansion.

Aquino said without elaborating that his administration had stopped graft-tainted projects in several government agencies, including the Department of Public Works and Highways and the Laguna Lake Development Authority. Officials have looked into alleged irregularities in a major dredging project at the Laguna Lake agency.

Presidential spokeswoman Abigail Valte said close to \$23 million (1 billion pesos) worth of contracts were halted at the public works and highways department alone because they were not properly bidden out, lacked required documents or had other irregularities.

Slashing high salaries and perks of executives in government-owned corporations increased their revenues to \$686 million (29.5 billion pesos),

some of which was used to build 20,000 houses for soldiers and police and hire 10,000 additional nurses for rural clinics, Budget Secretary Florencio Abad said.

Aquino said the corporations have long been milked by executives appointed by officials paying off political debts.

More than 100 left-wing laborers and activists, however, accused Aquino of being a U.S. puppet and demanded higher wages. They attempted to march to the U.S. Embassy in Manila, carrying an effigy of Aquino hanging on strings held by an image of Uncle Sam on a U.S. aircraft carrier, but were blocked by riot police.

Aquino suggested that many of the anomalies took place during the administration of his predecessor, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, without naming her.

Aquino also cited a military corruption scandal linked to three former chiefs of staff, including Arroyo's former defense chief, Angelo Reyes, who has denied any wrongdoing. He committed suicide in February amid a Senate corruption investigation.



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Philippines President Benigno Aquino salutes during arrival honors at the historic Emilio Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite province, south of Manila, Philippines during the 113th Philippine Independence Day celebrations Sunday, June 12, 2011.

## Afghanistan: Pakistan to target insurgents

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**—Pakistan has agreed to target the hide-outs of Taliban fighters and other insurgents who attack neighboring Afghanistan and refuse to take part in faltering peace talks, Afghan officials said Sunday.

Many of the Taliban's key leaders are thought to be hiding in Pakistan, and the threat of military strikes could be used to pressure fighters to negotiate. Still, how strong Pakistan will go after the Taliban remains in question, and there was no immediate confirmation of the agreement from the Pakistani government.

Taliban fighters and other groups have long used Pakistan's tribal areas to launch attacks on NATO troops in neighboring Afghanistan, a point of contention between the two nations.

"The message is that people who want to take part in the

peace process should have the way cleared for them," said Mohammad Masoom Stanekzai, secretary of a peace council set up by Afghanistan's president. "To those that think war is the only means to reach their goals, there should not be a hide-out for them to continue their war."

Stanekzai and other Afghan officials spoke to journalists Sunday after Afghan President Hamid Karzai returned from a visit to Pakistan's capital. CIA Director Leon Panetta also spoke separately with senior Pakistani officials about intelligence sharing and efforts to reconcile with the Taliban.

A four-page statement signed by Pakistani and Afghan officials dated Saturday gave no details about the proposed strikes, though presidential spokesman Farhatullah Babar said late Sunday that "Pakistan will not permit attacks on Afghanistan from its soil."

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Protesters burn vehicles in southern China

**BEIJING (AP)**—Eyewitnesses say protesters have burned police and fire department vehicles in a violent outburst of anger against the treatment of migrant workers in southern China's manufacturing hub. The riot Sunday night followed three days of steadily growing unrest in the town of Xintang in Guangdong province. Guangdong is the linchpin of China's crucial export industry. Accounts of the violence in state-controlled media have been sparse, but the official Xinhua News Agency says a government team has been sent to the area to quell rumors surrounding the unrest.

#### Vietnam holds live-fire navy drill amid China spat

**HANOI, Vietnam (AP)**—Vietnam has launched a live-fire naval drill off its central coast amid a nasty spat with China following two maritime incidents over disputed territory in the South China Sea. A naval officer based in central Quang Nam province says the first part of Monday's nine-hour exercise began in the morning on and around the uninhabited island of Hon Ong, some 25 miles (40 kilometers) off Vietnam's coast. He declined to give his name because he was not authorized to speak to the press. He said it was a routine training exercise involving various types of artillery and other weapons, but that no missiles would be fired.

# World

## Libya's rebels claim resurgence; government denies

**MISRATA, Libya (AP)**—From the east and west, working with NATO air strikes, resurgent rebels battled Libyan government forces on Sunday at flashpoints along the Mediterranean coast, rebel commanders reported. The government said their victory claims were "wishful reporting."

Insurgents had reported fighting street by street to retake the Mediterranean port city of Zawiyah, 18 miles (30 kilometers) west of Tripoli, a prize that would put them within striking distance of the capital and cut off one of Moammar Gadhafi's last supply routes from Tunisia.

But government spokesman Moussa Ibrahim said late Sunday Gadhafi forces had driven off the attackers, and reporters taken to Zawiyah saw secure streets and the green national flag flying over a central square. The insurgents, for

their part, claimed a high-ranking Gadhafi commander was badly wounded in the fighting.

"The wishful reporting of some journalists that the rebels are gaining more power and more control of some areas is not correct," he said.

The rebel thrust at Zawiyah and reported movements farther east—near Misrata and Brega—suggested the stale-mated uprising had been reinvigorated, and that Gadhafi's defenders may become stretched thin.

"Over the past three days, we set fire under the feet of Gadhafi forces everywhere," Col. Hamid al-Hasbi, a rebel battalion commander, told The Associated Press. He said the rebels attacked "in very good coordination with NATO" to avoid friendly-fire incidents. "We don't move unless we have very clear instructions from NATO."

## Syria's army seizes back restive town after mutiny

**BEIRUT (AP)**—Elite Syrian troops backed by helicopters and tanks regained control Sunday of a town where police and soldiers joined forces with the protesters they were ordered to shoot—a decisive assault from a government prepared for an all-out battle to keep power.

Troops led by the president's brother shelled Jisr al-Shughour as the gunships hovered overhead, paving the way for scores of tanks and armored personnel carriers to roll in from two directions. By early afternoon, the sounds of battle faded. The army was in control.

Sunday's developments, and actions by opponents of the Syrian government, marked a major departure from what had been a largely peaceful protest movement. Among them: the discovery of a mass grave

filled with uniformed bodies and the increasing willingness of mutineers and outgunned residents to fight back.

President Bashar Assad's response in Jisr al-Shughour, the first town to spin out of government control since the uprising began in mid-March, mirrored his father's 1980 assault there. It was a clear message to anyone contemplating defiance.

Syrians who were among thousands to flee for the nearby Turkish border said about 60 mutineers were defending the town alongside some 200 unarmed residents. Their fate was unknown late Sunday, but the government reported three deaths in the fighting—one of its own soldiers and two unidentified men whose bodies were shown to reporters.

"The Syrian army is fighting

In addition, the NATO blockade of ports still under government control and alliance control of Libyan airspace have severely crimped the North African dictator's ability to resupply his forces. And his control has been hard hit by defections from his military and government inner circle.

NATO, meanwhile, has stepped up bombing of Gadhafi's compound in the center of Tripoli, striking it again on Sunday, along with a military airport in eastern Tripoli. The government did not immediately report casualties or damage.

The rebels' Transitional National Council scored a political success, meanwhile, winning recognition from the United Arab Emirates, adding a wealthy, influential Arab state to the handful of nations thus far accepting the insurgents as Libyans' sole legitimate representatives.

itself," said Muhieddine Lathkani, a London-based Syrian writer and intellectual. "The army's response was strong because they did not want the mutiny to become larger."

Neighboring Turkey, about 12 miles (20 kilometers) away, has given sanctuary to more than 5,000 fleeing Syrians, nearly all of them in the past few days from Idlib province. Turkey's prime minister has accused the Assad regime of "savagery."

Arab governments, which were unusually supportive of NATO intervention in Libya, have been silent in the face of Syria's crackdown, fearing that the alternative to Assad would be chaos. The country has an explosive sectarian mix and is seen as a regional powerhouse with influence on events in neighboring Israel, Lebanon, Iraq.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Somalis, Kenyans hail al-Qaida mastermind's death

**MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)**—The killing of an al-Qaida mastermind who planned the devastating bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa drew praise on Sunday from Kenyans and Somalis, while Somalia's president showed documents linking the dead man to militants who are trying to topple his nation's fragile, U.N.-backed government. Fazul Abdullah Mohammed eluded capture for 13 years and topped the FBI's most wanted list for planning the Aug. 7, 1998, U.S. Embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania. His death, reported Saturday by Somali officials, was the third major blow to al-Qaida in six weeks. The worldwide terror group was headed by Osama bin Laden until his death last month.

#### Hamas rejection bodes poorly for unity talks

**JERUSALEM (AP)**—Ceremoniously announced last month, reconciliation between the two rival Palestinian leaderships—the secular

Fatah and the Islamist Hamas—hit a serious snag Sunday, another sign that the effort is not going well. In the latest blow, Hamas on Sunday rejected Fatah's proposal that internationally respected economist Salam Fayyad remain prime minister. "Hamas will not agree to grant Salam Fayyad the confidence to run the national unity government," said Salah Bardawil, a Hamas official in the Gaza Strip.

#### Gunmen kill 5 members of family in northern Mexico

**CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP)**—Gunmen have killed five members of a family, including two young children, in the drug cartel-plagued state of Chihuahua in northern Mexico. State Attorney's General's Office spokesman Carlos Gonzalez says the unidentified gunmen took the spent shell casings away with them after shooting the family in El Terrero in the municipality of Guadalupe y Calvo. Witnesses say five gunmen arrived at the house asking for a person. When the family said they didn't know where he was, the assailants opened fire.

# Overdrive

Your life is about to change, and your sports car is terrified.

A Peg Perego Duetto child stroller. The pair of Old English mastiffs you're dog-sitting indefinitely. A glee club. A metamorphosis of priorities has dropped one or more of these into your world, and suddenly your slick little two-seater won't work for you anymore.

So let me offer a suggestion: Check out BMW's redesigned 2011 X3 xDrive35i.

It's not necessarily the best all-around vehicle in the luxury compact SUV segment, which includes the Audi Q5, Mercedes-Benz GLK and Acura RDX. But without question, this second-generation X3 is the fastest, sportiest and most fun to drive of its peers.

In short, the fun of owning an all-wheel-drive BMW X3 xDrive35i is inversely proportional to the fun of saying its name. The loaded example I tested has a sticker price of \$53,015.

The bulk of the fun comes from this X3's engine. The 3.0-liter inline six-cylinder unit is a paragon of turbocharged goodness and puts out 300 horsepower and 300 pound-feet of torque. A variation of this engine is in numerous other BMWs—including the company's Z4 roadster and its full-size 740i sedan—so the power plant is certainly up to the challenge in the X3.

BMW says the X3 35i will scoot from 0 to 60 mph in 5.5 seconds, which is creeping into sports car territory. Consider that the Lincoln MKX I recently reviewed, no slouch itself and a competitor to this BMW, needed 7.2 seconds to hit the same speed.

Helping the X3 35i's prodigious acceleration is the fact that its engine's maximum torque is available from 1,300-5,000 rpm. This wide range means that almost any time you mash the gas pedal, you can expect instant gratification.

Not only does the X3 35i move forward like a sports car, but it sounds like one too. The sharp engine note is a tenor fresh from adolescence, and it can be a bit intrusive for a luxury SUV when cruising about town.

Shift the eight-speed automatic transmission into its Sport mode, and you hear more of the engine. This is because in Sport, the tranny lets the engine get closer to its 7,000-rpm redline before changing gears.



The 2011 BMW X3 xDrive35i is the unabashed sports car of the luxury compact SUV segment.

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## 2011 BMW X3 xDrive35i

# Retain youth with racy SUV

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Drivers can also shift the transmission manually using the gear shift knob, though pulling the lever back to upshift is counter to nearly every other setup I can think of. The X3 35i I tested took the manual shifting one step further with optional paddle shifters as part of the \$1,250 Sport Activity package.

The transmission's eight speeds, the last two of which are in effect overdrive gears, help the X3 35i achieve an EPA rating of 19 miles per gallon in the city and 26 mpg on the highway. Over 500 miles of testing, I saw an average of 19 mpg.

Further sporty pretensions come in the form of BMW's Dynamic Damper Control. This electronic system, seen elsewhere in BMW's lineup, offers drivers three modes: Normal, Sport and Sport Plus.

### NUTS & BOLTS

**Base price:** \$41,925 (including destination charge)  
**Price, as tested:** \$53,015  
**Powertrain:** 3.0-liter, DOHC, 24-valve inline turbocharged six-cylinder; eight-speed automatic transmission with Sport mode and manual shifting  
**Horsepower:** 300 at 5,800 rpm  
**Torque:** 300 pound-feet at 1,300-5,000 rpm  
**0-60 acceleration:** 5.5 seconds  
**Curb weight:** 4,222 pounds  
**Wheelbase:** 110.6 inches  
**Overall length:** 183.0 inches  
**EPA fuel economy:** 19 mpg city/26 mpg highway  
**Final thoughts:** Your sports car is showing.

Each setting progressively dials up throttle responsiveness, suspension firmness and steering input while incrementally delaying the point at which the stability control intervenes.

After a week with the X3 35i, I found keeping the system in Sport mode to be just the right fit. Normal mode kept the throttle too hesitant and slow to respond. Sport Plus was a peach during particularly aggressive driving but kept the suspension too firm for daily use.

Buyers looking to get into a BMW X3 without paying the 35i's \$41,925 base price have the X3 28i as an option. This non-turbocharged version starts at \$37,625 and has 240 horsepower and 221 pound-feet of torque from its inline six-cylinder engine. It shares the X3 35i's eight-speed transmission.

Both X3s are larger than their pre-

decessor, gaining 3.4 inches of length, 1.1 inches of width and about half an inch in height. This larger package is wrapped in a shell that's unquestionably better-looking and more upscale than the original X3.

The front shows off broader and more confident shoulders while the back looks like a BMW X5 that's been shrink-wrapped. More than a few X3 owners will delight in their new cars being mistaken for their larger and more luxurious cousin.

The X3 interior is best described as disciplined luxury; the inside of competitors such as the Infiniti EX35 or Volvo XC 60 are more sumptuous and inviting.

That's not to say the X3's cabin isn't comfortable or well-made. It just follows the X3's overall mantra of favoring sport over other facets.

In typical BMW fashion, the X3's dashboard is Teutonic simplicity at its best. Four analog gauges show drivers only what they must absolutely know. A small digital screen mounted too low at the bottom of the dashboard shows the trip computer, stereo information or directions from the optional navigation system.

At the top of the center console sits a gorgeous eight-inch screen that is the main display for the navigation system and backup camera, both of which are included in a \$3,200 Technology package.

While as helpful as most navigation systems on the market, this one suffered from overly complicated menus and sub-menus. Also, the voice guidance seemed out of sync with what the display was showing. For best results, put the dear lady on mute.

Aside from a larger-than-normal blind spot, the rest of the cabin is superb. The seats are comfortable. There's plenty of headroom and legroom for all passengers, but cargo room is a little below average for this segment.

They say the true definition of compromise is when both parties are unhappy with the result. Clearly BMW didn't get the memo. Whether it's a lifestyle change or a spousal edict forcing you out of a sports car and into something more practical, consider the X3 xDrive35i.

Just make sure those mastiffs don't get carsick.

## A recurring problem requires a bigger fix

By PAUL BRAND  
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

**QUESTION: I have a 2002 Chevy S-10 with about 86,000 miles. Six weeks ago, the "service engine soon" light came on. My shop determined it was fault code P0410 and replaced the air pump. Two weeks later, the light came on again, and they said it was just a loose gas cap. Two weeks later it came on again and showed P0410; my shop replaced the air pump and solenoid again. Now, five days later the light is on again. Can you help?**

**ANSWER:** I checked my Alldata automotive database and found service bulletin 04-06-04-015A, dated November 2006, that says water could cause corrosion in the air pump or vent solenoid. It calls for installing a new air pump along with a new inlet hose and

solenoid tube assembly, and rerouting the hose assembly between the engine and fender so that it ends up between the battery and coolant recovery tank.

Have your shop check to make sure the correct, updated air pump was installed and the new hose and tube assembly are properly routed. Also, check the pins and terminals on the solenoid connection—corrosion could cause an intermittent connection triggering the light.

**Q: I am the first and only owner of a 1986 six-cylinder Pontiac Fiero with 100,000 miles on the odometer. I keep the car in my heated garage, but it has not moved in the past three years. I pulled it out last month and went for a short drive. The "brake" warning light comes on, and I have no brakes. The pedal goes all the way down to the floor.**

**The brake light stays on for about 15 seconds, then goes off, and I have normal functioning brakes. This happens every time I apply the brakes, but the light comes on only when the vehicle is moving. I am 74 years old, and I want to be able to enjoy the car during the summer months.**

**A:** I suspect a faulty brake master cylinder. Worn or stiff cup seals in the master cylinder may be allowing a bypass leak when you first apply the brakes. Instead of hydraulic pressure expanding the cups and sealing against the cylinder wall, fluid may be bypassing the seals, allowing the pedal to travel to the floor.

Here's a quick test. With the engine running and the vehicle stationary in park, gently, slowly and smoothly push the brake pedal down. Does it travel to the floor without engaging the brakes?

Now release the pedal, wait 15 seconds, then quickly stab the pedal firmly as if panic-braking. Does the pedal hold firm with the brakes engaged? If so, you've identified the problem with the master cylinder. A new, or rebuilt master cylinder and a complete flush and bleed of the brake system will hopefully get you safely back on the road this summer with your Fiero.

**Q: My 2004 Buick LeSabre has 116,000 miles on it. The past three times I have been in rush hour, when I accelerate back to normal freeway speed after 10 minutes of stop-and-go congestion, the transmission bucks as it goes into first and then second gear. This problem disappears completely after I turn off the car. Unless I am in this situation, the transmission operates perfectly. I am assuming it might be a sensor.**

**A:** The "check engine" light would be on if there were a sensor problem. However, the transmission fluid tem-

perature sensor may be commanding "limp mode" operation because of high transmission-fluid temperatures. A scan tool can identify any fault codes and can read the transmission fluid operating temperature to determine if there's a problem.

Internal mechanical problems such as worn valve body components or a worn secondary clutch assembly could also create this symptom. With that many miles on the vehicle, I'd add half a can of SeaFoam Trans-Tune with the hope of eliminating the symptoms.

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# Life & Style

## 'Book of Mormon' wins big at the Tony Awards

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The profane and hysterical "The Book of Mormon" took home nine Tony Awards on Sunday including the prize for best musical, a considerable achievement for a pair of first-time Broadway playwrights known more for their raunchy cartoons featuring potty-mouthed kids.

Trey Parker and Matt Stone, creators of the Emmy Award-winning "South Park," found a kindred soul in Robert Lopez, who co-wrote the Tony-winning "Avenue Q," and all three found themselves with plenty of awards when they collaborated to gently mock Mormons and send-up Broadway itself.

Collecting the best musical prize, a subdued Parker, who tied Josh Logan of "South Pacific" with four Tonys in one evening, said he'd be remiss if he didn't thank his late book co-writer—Joseph Smith, the founder of the Mormon religion.

"You did it, Joseph! You got the Tony!" Parker said looking skyward and holding up his award.

The show, which netted honors for best musical, best book, best direction of a musical, best score, best featured actress and four technical awards, came in with a leading 14 nominations and was the heavy favorite for the top musical prize.

"We know what the best musical is—it's like taking a hooker to dinner," comedian Chris Rock said before reading the nominees and announcing the winner.

"War Horse"—a World War I tale about horses told with puppets and actors—won five Tonys, including the best play award. The revival of "The



Andrew Rannells, left, and the cast of "The Book of Mormon" perform during the 65th annual Tony Awards, Sunday, June 12, 2011 in New York.

Normal Heart" and "Anything Goes" both won three apiece.

Mark Rylance won the best acting award for a play for his powerful role of Johnny "Rooster" Byron in Jez Butterworth's "Jerusalem." Just as he did three years ago when he won for "Boeing-Boeing," Rylance quoted a poem by Louis Jenkins, an obscure poet from Minnesota.

"Unlike flying or astral projection, walking through walls is

a totally earth-related craft, but a lot more interesting than pot-making or driftwood lamps," he said to the bemused crowd. When asked later why he had recited the poem, he said, "I don't know. I was getting a little bored."

Norbert Leo Butz won for best actor in a musical. Butz, who plays a frumpy FBI agent hot on the heels of a con man in "Catch Me If You Can" took home his

second Tony. His previous win was in 2005 for "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels."

Sutton Foster won for best actress in a musical and gave a tearful speech. "It doesn't feel like a job," she said of the Cole Porter musical "Anything Goes," which also won best musical revival and earned Kathleen Marshall an award for best choreography.

Frances McDormand was declared the best leading actress in a play for portraying a South Boston blue-collar woman who reconnects with a high school boyfriend in the David Lindsay-Abaire play "Good People."

The best direction of a musical award went to Casey Nicholaw and Parker for "The Book of Mormon." Parker—as well as co-writers Stone and Lopez—later returned to the stage to accept the Tony for the best book of a musical.

The top directing prize for a play went to Marianne Elliott and Tom Morris for the weepy British import "War Horse."

"We quite like it when people cry," Morris cracked backstage.

Nikki M. James, who plays a potential love interest to the pair of missionaries who travel to Uganda in "The Book of Mormon," dedicated the award to her dad, who died while she was in high school, and to her nephew Ozzie, who was born with kidney problems.

The show is one of the hottest in town and James said even cast members are having trouble getting tickets for their friends and family. "It's amazing to know you're going to walk out there every night and know you're going to see a house full of peo-

ple," she said.

Larry Kramer's "The Normal Heart" won the best revival of a play prize and two actors from the AIDS drama—Ellen Barkin and John Benjamin Hickey—also won. Barkin, making her Broadway debut, was declared the best actress in a featured role in a play, while Hickey took home best actor.

"It's the proudest moment of my career. Being involved in something this important is I think a once-in-a-career opportunity," said Barkin. Hickey warned his family in Texas that they'd better not be watching the Heat-Mavericks game instead of the Tonys.

Kramer's historic play about the beginning of an epidemic that has killed millions won the Tony 26 years after it was first mounted at the Public Theater. "Learn from it and carry on the fight," Kramer said. "Our day will come."

John Larroquette, in his Broadway debut, won the award for best actor in a featured role in a musical for "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." He thanked his co-star Daniel Radcliffe, who was not nominated, saying that without the "Harry Potter" star he'd be "home, sitting in my underwear, watching this on television."

Away from the television cameras, "The Book of Mormon" won for orchestration, sound design, scenic design of a musical, score and book of a musical. "War Horse" won for best sound design of a play and best scenic design of a play, and "Priscilla Queen of the Desert" got the costume award for flamboyant fantasies created by Tim Chappel and Lizzy Gardiner.

## Source: Saxophonist Clemons suffers stroke

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Saxophonist Clarence Clemons of Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band has suffered a stroke.

A person who has worked with Clemons in the past confirmed Sunday night that Clemons had the stroke. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to speak on the matter. The person had no additional information on Clemons' condition.

Clemons is known as the Big Man in the E Street Band and his sax has been one of the most defining elements of the band's sound. He has suffered from numerous ailments over the last few years. He had double knee surgery and even had to perform from a wheelchair at one point.

But his health seemed to be improving. Just last month, he performed with Lady Gaga on the season finale of "American Idol."

He is 69 years old.



In this Nov. 14, 2010 file photo, Saxophonist Clarence Clemons performs during halftime of the Tennessee Titans game against the Miami Dolphins NFL football game in Miami.

## Famous storyteller, columnist Kathryn Windham dies

**SELMA, Ala. (AP)**—Kathryn Tucker Windham, a master storyteller and author who became a woman police reporter in a time when there were few, has died. She was 93.

Diley Hilley tells The Associated Press that her mother had a variety of illnesses recently and died Sunday afternoon at her home in Selma, Ala.

According to a biography from the Alabama Department of Archives and History, Windham wrote two dozen books, many of them ghost stories. In the early 1940s, she worked for the Alabama Journal and was one of the first female reporters to cover the police beat on a major daily newspaper in the South.

From the 1950s to early 1970s, she worked for The Selma Times-Journal where she won several awards for her columns and photography.

She also regularly contributed to "All Things Considered" for National Public Radio.

## List of winners for 2011 Tony Awards

List of winners for the 2011 American Theatre Wing's Tony Awards, announced Sunday.

**Best Play:** "War Horse."

**Best Musical:** "The Book of Mormon."

**Best Book of a Musical:** Trey Parker, Robert Lopez, Matt Stone, "The Book of Mormon."

**Best Original Score (Music and/or Lyrics) Written for the Theatre:** Trey Parker, Robert Lopez, Matt Stone, "The Book of Mormon."

**Best Revival of a Play:** "The Normal Heart."

**Best Revival of a Musical:** "Anything Goes."

**Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Play:** Mark Rylance, "Jerusalem."

**Best Performance by an Actress in Leading Role in a Play:** Frances McDormand, "Good People."

**Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Musical:** Norbert Leo Butz "Catch Me If You Can."

**Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Musical:** Sutton Foster, "Anything Goes."

**Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Role in a Play:** John Benjamin Hickey, "The Normal Heart."

**Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Role in a Play:** Ellen Barkin, "The Normal Heart."

**Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Role in a Musical:** John Larroquette, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

**Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Role in a Musical:** Nikki M. James, "The Book of Mormon."

**Best Direction of a Play:** Marianne Elliott and Tom Morris, "War Horse."

**Best Direction of a Musical:** Casey Nicholaw and Trey Parker, "The Book of Mormon."

**Best Choreography:** Kathleen Marshall, "Anything Goes."

**Best Orchestrations:** Larry Hochman and Stephen Oremus, "The Book of Mormon."

**Best Scenic Design of a Play:** Rae Smith, "War Horse."

**Best Scenic Design of a Musical:** Scott Pask, "The Book of Mormon"

**Best Costume Design of a Play:** Desmond Heeley, "The Importance of Being Earnest."

**Best Costume Design of a Musical:** Tim Chappel and Lizzy Gardiner, "Priscilla Queen of the Desert."

**Best Lighting Design of a Play:** Paule Constable, "War Horse."

**Best Lighting Design of a Musical:** Brian MacDevitt, "The Book of Mormon."

**Best Sound Design of a Play:** Christopher Shutt, "War Horse."

**Best Sound Design of a Musical:** Brian Ronan, "The Book of Mormon."

Scores of music fans grooved and sang on a trip down to memory lane Saturday night when Filipino singer Geneva Cruz and The Retrospect band delivered crowd-pleasing performances at the packed out Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.



Geneva Cruz and The Retrospect band sing *Pinoy Ako* for their finale.

The Guam-based band, comprised of J. Martin Castro, Goldie Castro, and Ogie Ramos, got the audience to their feet and sing along with their encore that included timeless Pinoy disco fever hits and unforgettable OPM love songs.

The uproarious trio also delivered side-splitting remarks involving the spectators themselves, who were all willing partakers in a night of music and laughter.

Cruz, meanwhile, was clad in a sultry sequined mesh bra top inspired by Beyonce and took center stage as she belted classic and contemporary dance hits on top of her original and popular ballads.

The sultry pop singer also mingled among the audience, allowing them to take photos of her and with her to their delight.



Geneva Cruz belts out a song while lying on the floor.

Organized by the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, the one-night concert was sponsored by Docomo Pacific, Fly Guam, TakeCare, Aon Insurance, Chong's Corporation, Horizon Lines, Salon de Manila, National Office Supply, Bridge Capital, Magic 100Fm, and Taro Sue Corp.

Jerry Tan, president of Tan Holdings, said the concert was held especially for the Filipino community on Saipan who join the Filipinos around the world in celebrating Philippine Independence Day on June 12.

"I thought that bringing artists from the Philippines to Saipan will bring

## GENEVA CRUZ, THE RETROSPECT CONCERT

# A trip down memory lane

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Geneva Cruz pouts her lips as she gets ready to kiss DJ RV of Magic 100Fm.

some smiles to Filipinos on island. The show was very entertaining and I'm glad to see it have a great turnout," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Tan said it was the first time that the foundation brought artists for the occasion. "If that's what the community wants, we would be happy to look at future occasions and bring other Filipino artists to the island," he added.

▲ The Retrospect band's Goldie Castro teases Dr. Nathan Tan of TakeCare, one of the major sponsors of the one-night concert held June 11 at the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.



Sporting a fake mustache, The Retrospect's Ogie Ramos is flanked by back up dancers as he sang *Mr. Suave*.



PHOTOS BY CLARISSA V. DAVID

Filipino singer Geneva Cruz donned a sultry sequined mesh bra top inspired by Beyonce.



J. Martin Castro of The Retrospect band dances with a woman from the audience.



# DC: 'Action Comics' relaunching with new No. 1

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)**—More than seven decades after Superman made his debut in "Action Comics," DC said Friday the long-running title will restart at No. 1 in September with the Man of Steel sporting a full-blue suit sans his long-standing red trunks.

The publisher's announcement, first reported by the Los Angeles Times on its website, also included details on new titles for Supergirl and Superboy, too, as well as a solo Superman series that will be written by George Perez and drawn by Jesus Merino.

The cover to "Superman" No. 1 shows the hero in a blue suit, red boots and cape and large "S"

In this comic book image released by DC Comics, the cover of "Superman" No. 1, is shown.

on his chest.

Perez reinvigorated Wonder Woman during a five-year run in the 1980s for DC. He also guided "The New Teen Titans" to success with writer Marv Wolfman. In 1985, he illustrated the company's mammoth "Crisis On Infinite Earths" maxi-series that restructured the DC Universe.

"Action Comics" has been a cornerstone of DC's comic titles and its first issue—published in June 1938—featured the debut of Superman, aka Clark Kent, a mild-mannered newspaper reporter for The Daily Planet who was actually a Kryptonian raised by Kansas farming couple Jonathan and Martha Kent.

"Action Comics" is DC's longest-running series in terms of issues, having reached No. 901 this month.

Since then, the character created by writer Jerry Siegel and artist Joe Schuster has become one of comics' enduring icons, spawning radio and TV serials in the 1940s and 1950s and then films starring Christopher Reeve before returning to the small screen in "Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman" in the 1990s and the just-concluded "Smallville," which aired for 10 seasons.

DC said nothing about its plans for the new "Action Comics," but revealed it will be written by Grant Morrison, whose gritty take on "Batman and Robin" and this year's "Batman Inc." has a reputation for revamping characters. Morrison also penned "All-Star Superman," a 12-issue collection of

tales that was made into an animated DVD.

Rags Morales, who has drawn "Identity Crisis" and "Countdown to Infinite Crisis" was tapped to illustrate the new "Action Comics."

"Supergirl," which will be written by Michael Green and Mike Johnson, and drawn by Mahmud Asrar, also features a new look, with the Kryptonian teen ditching the mini-skirt and midriff baring shirt in favor of a martial-inspired cape with boots.

"Superboy" will be written by Scott Lobdell and drawn by R.B. Silva and Rob Lean.

DC is launching 52 titles at No. 1 in late September featuring scores of its characters, including Wonder Woman, Green Lantern and the Justice League.

## Hollywood rep conciliatory in 1st China speech

**SHANGHAI (AP)**—Hollywood's new top lobbyist avoided tough issues Monday in his first speech in China, one of the industry's most coveted yet most inaccessible markets, instead lauding Beijing's progress in combating piracy and launching foreign co-productions.

Former U.S. Sen. Chris Dodd is visiting China for the first time since taking over in March as chief executive of the Motion Picture Association of America. However, in his first speech at the Shanghai International Film Festival, Dodd didn't mention the issues that have frustrated Hollywood studios operating in China for years: a de facto quota of 20 foreign blockbusters a year and the inability to distribute their own movies in the country.

Dodd took a diplomatic approach, heaping praise on the tremendous strides the Chinese film industry has made in domestic productions and working with foreign studios.

"In the last 10 years, we have seen growth and development that allows me to say here this morning that the Chinese film industry has fully matured. So too has the relationship between the American film industry and Chinese filmmakers, Chinese audiences and even the Chinese government," he said.

Dodd paid tribute to recent Chinese productions, naming the Jiang Wen political satire "Let the Bullets Fly," the Tsui Hark fantasy epic "Detective Dee: Mystery of the Phantom Flame" and Chinese actress-director Xu Jinglei's romantic comedy "Go Lala Go!"

"All the ingredients are there for China's film industry to become a major, major, major player on the world stage, just as China has always been a major player on the world cultural stage," he said.

The former senator also noted recent high-profile Hollywood-China co-productions like "The Forbidden Kingdom," which



Former U.S. Sen. Chris Dodd, new chairman and CEO of The Motion Picture Association of America, delivers speech during a seminar as part of the 14th Shanghai International Film Festival, Monday, June 13, 2011 in Shanghai, China.

co-starred Jackie Chan and Jet Li, "The Karate Kid" remake starring Chan and Jaden Smith, and "The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor," which paired Li and Brendan Fraser. "These are world-class pictures that appeal to Chinese audiences, American audiences and audiences all across the globe," he said.

But Dodd said he will "speak very candidly, as friends do and must," in upcoming talks with Chinese officials in Beijing.

"I will not ignore the concerns that Hollywood has raised for years," he said without identifying the concerns, adding, "but I will not fail as well to acknowledge and indeed celebrate, if you will, the progress we have made," including Chinese efforts in recent months to curb movie piracy.

Dodd said that as a senator, he supported closer economic ties between the U.S. and China, noting he backed China's entry into the World Trade Organization in 2001.

The comment was ironic giv-

en that some Hollywood executives may see China as flouting WTO rules. Beijing failed to meet a March deadline to comply with a WTO ruling urging the Chinese government to let foreign studios distribute their own films in the country. The MPAA said in a statement in March that it was "disappointed" by the missed deadline, adding that it hoped the U.S. and Chinese officials can work toward compliance quickly.

Dodd's comments also contrasted to a more toughly worded speech by one of his constituents, Rupert Murdoch, at the Shanghai festival on Sunday. Murdoch, who controls Hollywood studio Fox, said limited access to the Chinese market undermines its potential and "presents significant challenges."

Fox is keen to replicate the success in China of its 3-D sci-fi release "Avatar," which brought in \$204 million in the country—a figure second only to U.S. revenues.

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Megan McDonald's popular series of children's books comes to life on the big screen in this family friendly adventure that finds mischievous third grader Judy Moody experiencing a summer she'll never forget. School is out, and with the endless possibilities that summer has to offer, Judy (Jordanna Beatty) plans to have fun in the sun with her best pals Rocky and Amy.



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**James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender**  
 Action, Fantasy • PG 13

### Synopsis

Set in the era before Professor Charles Xavier and Erik Lehnsherr became mortal enemies as Professor X and Magneto, respectively, director Matthew Vaughn's X-Men: First Class follows the two former allies as they lead a powerful team of mutants on a mission to save the planet from nuclear annihilation. Charles (James McAvoy) and Erik (Michael Fassbender) were just young men when it began to appear as if the world was careening toward destruction.



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**Kung Fu Panda 2**  
 Friday & Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:30  
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**Jack Black, Angelina Jolie**  
 Children's/Family • Rated PG



**The Hangover Part 2**  
 Friday & Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:40  
 Sunday 1:25 4:25 7:25  
 Mon thru Thurs 4:25 7:25  
**Bradley Cooper, Zack Galifianakis**  
 Comedy • Rated R



**Pirates of the Caribbean: On Strange Tides**  
 Friday & Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:15 10:00  
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**Johnny Depp, Penélope Cruz**  
 Adventure • Rated PG 13

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# Emma Watson looks to grow past Harry Potter

By JOHN CARUCCI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Emma Watson is preparing for the next chapter of her life

The 'Harry Potter' actress admits that she needs to find her way out of the bubble, which she describes in part as the safe world of life on the set of the successful film franchise.

Watson says in the July issue of Vogue magazine that she wants to explore more of her creative side, and cites Patti Smith as a role model.

"I want to live like Patti," she said of the singer-songwriter, visual artist and poet.

The 21-year old remains close with co-stars Daniel Radcliffe and Rupert Grint, and recently flew to New York to see Radcliffe perform on Broadway in "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

Watson plays Hermione Granger for last time when the franchise's last film, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" is released in July.

This magazine cover image released by "Vogue," shows actress Emma Watson on the July 2011 issue of "Vogue."



## Palin emails let old media test new media methods

By MIKE BAKER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The analysis of Sarah Palin's emails over the past few days may end up teaching us more about the future of journalism than about the former Alaska governor's past.

Drawing on methods used by both Wikileaks and social networks, traditional news organizations such as The New York Times and The Washington Post used the Palin email dump as an experiment in new media techniques. They sought collaboration from readers and posted massive volumes of documents online before reporters even had a chance to read most of the papers.

That sort of public coordination—often called "crowdsourcing"—has drawn increasing interest from many journalists. David Lauter, chief of Tribune Co.'s Washington bureau, said he and his colleagues have wondered whether it would be a more productive way of analyzing data.

"It's a concept that we'd been looking at," Lauter said. "This seemed like a great opportunity to test to see how it might work."

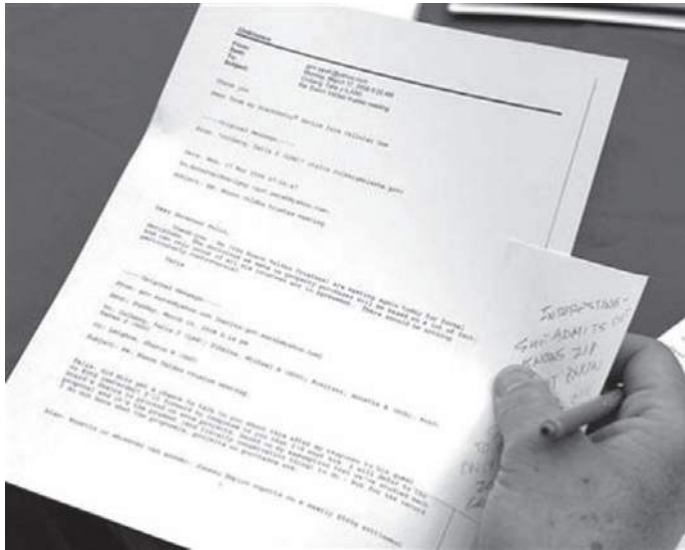
Tribune dispatched two journalists equipped with portable scanners to Juneau to pick up the thousands of Palin emails and begin digitizing them for online readers. Lauter said the first batch was posted on the Los Angeles Times website about 30 minutes after the documents were released Friday.

The New York Times, using a similar strategy, assigned a team to put all the documents online as soon as possible. It took 14 hours to post all of them.

Technologically, the project seemed to succeed. Several outlets organized the files chronologically and made the documents searchable. The Associated Press made electronic

scans available to members around the country.

Neither the crowdsourcing nor the traditional analysis by reporters produced any bombshells, but enlisting the public did help engage readers. The New York Times received more than 2,000 emails, about half of which were substantive responses. Most of the annotations attached to Palin's emails came from readers, not reporters.



An email sent by former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin on March 17, 2008.

Jim Roberts, an assistant managing editor at the paper, said the paper still considers crowdsourcing experimental, but the public responses were clearly useful.

"The readers are augmenting the work of our journalists, not taking their place," Roberts said in an email. "We're not doing anything that we wouldn't otherwise do. The readers are just an extra, and valuable, resource."

Steve Doig, a journalism professor at Arizona State University who specializes in computer-assisted reporting, said the crowdsourcing approach was clever—and one he hopes to see more of in the future.

"You don't have to be a professional reporter to be able to recognize statements that might

be newsworthy," Doig said. "So, having lots and lots of eyeballs looking through it—whether it's professional reporter or just somebody who's looking for their own interest or amusement—you can more quickly find something newsworthy."

With an increased focus to share documents online, media outlets have been seeking out new ways to compile and analyze information. A few months ago, the

ing an exclusive.

Reporters had been seeking the Palin emails for nearly three years—ever since she was selected as John McCain's running mate in 2008. Alaska public records law requires agencies to respond within 10 working days, but it took the state far longer to compile, review and release Palin's correspondence.

Palin's use of private email addresses to conduct state business made the job more complicated and stirred interest in the messages.

As the release date grew closer, Palin continued to be the focus of speculation about a potential 2012 White House bid. And the number of news organizations seeking the emails also grew. That led to a scrum of reporters arriving Friday in Juneau to pick up boxes containing 24,000 documents and hurry them off to be digitized.

The documents offered a glimpse into Palin's methods as governor, showing her engaged in day-to-day duties, concerned about her image and protective of her family. It also captured the speed of her rise to the center of national politics.

Tim Crawford, treasurer of Palin's political action committee, encouraged everyone to read the emails and said they showed a governor hard at work. Meanwhile, other Palin supporters questioned whether the news media were unfairly targeting her in a massive rush to analyze the documents.

Stacy Drake, an editor and contributor at the pro-Palin website Conservatives4Palin, said the email databases were clearly a fishing expedition and could potentially be called a witch hunt. She thought it was ridiculous to post emails from every aspect of Palin's time in office, as opposed to investigating a specific issue or topic and posting documents related to that.

## National anthem deserves your hand and your heart

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR ABBY:** I was criticized recently for placing my right hand over my heart while the U.S. flag was flown and "The Star-Spangled Banner" was being sung. I was told that the hand over the heart is for the Pledge of Allegiance only, when the flag is present. Is that true, and what is the proper procedure?



*Dear Abby*

ST. LOUIS PATRIOT

**DEAR PATRIOT:** No, it is not true. Whoever criticized you was ignorant of the Flag Code, as amended by the 94th Congress and approved July 7, 1976.

According to the code, "During the rendition of the national anthem when the flag is displayed, all present ... shall stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. ... When the flag is not displayed, those present should face toward the music and act in the manner they would if the flag were displayed there."

And by the way, happy Flag Day to all my readers out there.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a 25-year-old male who, for the most part, has figured out what I want to do with my life. I'm currently working, and I am also considering entering the military to boost my character and resume. I want to eventually become a lawyer so I can help people.

Something that irritates my family is my refusal to date. I suffer from anxiety attacks just at the thought of talking to a woman or asking for a date. My older sister asks me when I will marry, and my dad claims I'd be a great father. How can I get my family to understand that I'm not interested in marriage and children?

LOVELESS IN THE SOUTHWEST

**DEAR LOVELESS:** I respect your desire to enter the military, boost your character and resume and earn a law degree. But please don't use the military as a way to escape dealing with your inability to be comfortable with half the human race. If and when you enlist, you will be in a work environment where there are females and situations in which you may be required to work as a team. That's why I strongly suggest that you talk to a mental health professional about your anxiety about women BEFORE enlisting.

Marriage and children are not for everyone—and you may be one of those men who should be a confirmed bachelor. But not because you're afraid of women.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My father has been dead for more than 15 years. Any time my mother sees people she hasn't seen since Dad's death, she makes a point of telling them how happy she is now that he's dead! She doesn't care how loudly she declares it or how she says it.

At my son's recent wedding reception, I overheard her having this conversation with my brother-in-law. He made eye contact with me to see if I could hear what she was saying, then shook his head like he couldn't believe what she was saying.

Abby, it's embarrassing that she does this all the time. If I say anything, I know she'll get mad at me. Any suggestions?

CAN'T TAKE HER ANYWHERE

**DEAR CAN'T TAKE HER ANYWHERE:** Yes. Ignore her. Obviously your parents' marriage wasn't made in heaven — but her widowhood is.

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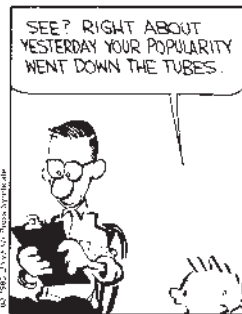
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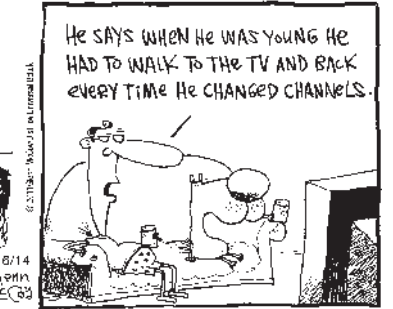
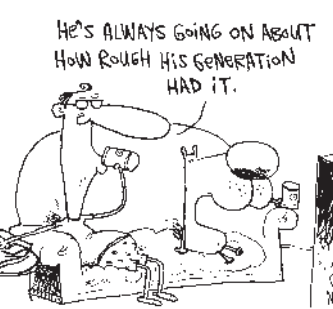
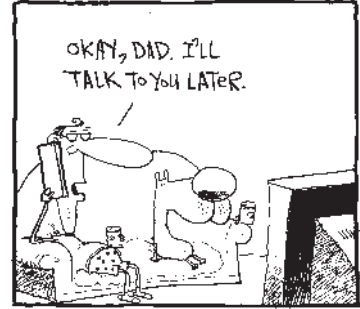


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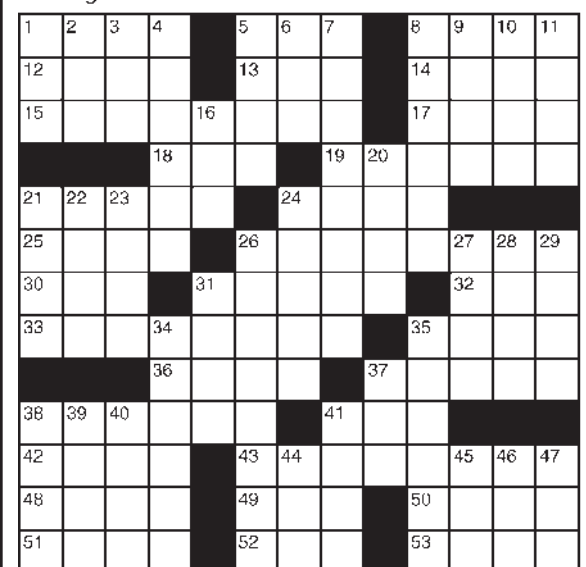
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37 Greedy  
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**6 Author Fleming**  
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**8 Soap ingredient**  
**9 Tend**  
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**11 Quarry**  
**16 41-**  
**17 Across, often**
- 20 Slithery fish**  
**21 Skewer**  
**22 Toll road, for short**  
**23 Stagger**  
**24 Wedding cover-ups**  
**26 Ancient British queen**  
**27 Egg**  
**28 Coconut tree**  
**29 Pivot**  
**31 Mix**  
**34 Arrange-**  
**35 Acidity detector**  
**37 Solidify**  
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Yesterday's answer 6-14



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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You need a change and a challenge. Let your imagination take over. Stop dreaming and start doing and the people you attract will be surprisingly interesting and accommodating. Good fortune is heading your way. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Temptation will lead to overdoing it emotionally, financially or physically. Now is not the time to delve into something you aren't likely to finish. Don't let an old habit or friend cost. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't let a disappointment corrupt your day and your chance to advance. You have to put in your best effort, even if you are feeling a little low. Avoid getting involved personally with someone who can negatively affect your future or your reputation. ★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Get ahead but not at the expense of a relationship you have. There is too much to lose if you let your emotions come between you and

good common sense. Respond intelligently rather than reacting impatiently. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Set your goals high and your mind on reaching what you set out to do. As long as you stick to your budget and you don't let anyone use emotional tactics to make you feel obliged, you will come out on top. You will attract love and friendship. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You must surround yourself with individuals who think the same way as you. Listen to any criticism offered and learn from it. Don't let heartache deter you from achieving success. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Become a participant. It's joining in that will lead to opportunities and meeting interesting people who can help change your life. Now is not the time to be lazy when there is so much to learn and so much at stake. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You'll be tempted to spend too much on your home, family or investments. Rethink your future and focus more on your talent and how to make progress. Stop allowing others to use up your valuable time. Invest in yourself. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** It will be easy to go down the wrong path. Look before you leap. You can make gains but you have to be smart and know your limits. Love is on the rise and a sudden change in your personal life is apparent. ★★★

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't share too much information if you want to stay ahead of the competition. Someone you least expect will reveal your position or your strategy. It's how you handle yourself now that will lead to a prosperous future. Don't get sidetracked by compliments or insincerity. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Re-evaluate your motives and those of others. Until you know where you stand and you are sure about what you want, don't make a move or a commitment. If you hold out for what you want, you will end up in control. Love is on the rise. ★★★★★

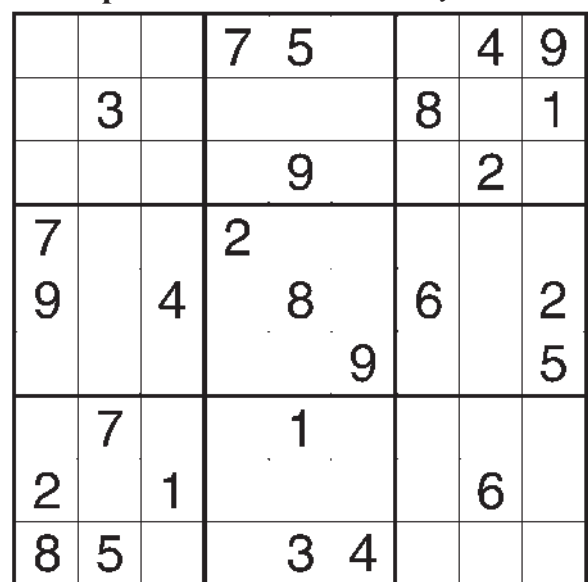
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By Dave Green

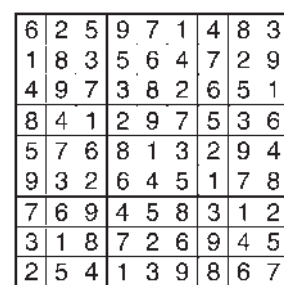


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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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# Liriano flirts with no-hitter in Twins win

**MINNEAPOLIS** (AP)—Francisco Liriano sniffed his second no-hitter of the season, sitting in the dugout for nearly a half-hour before Adrian Beltre led off the eighth inning with a clean single, and the Minnesota Twins beat the Texas Rangers, 6-1, Sunday.

Liriano (4-6), who held the Chicago White Sox hitless in a wild effort May 3, was perfect through the sixth against the high-scoring Rangers.

Elvis Andrus was the first Texas player to reach base, on rookie third baseman Luke Hughes' fielding error with one out in the seventh on a questioned ruling.

The Twins scored five times in a 29-minute bottom of the seventh, an inning that included an injury to Texas starter Matt Harrison.

Liriano matched a season high by striking out nine in eight innings, allowing two hits without a walk.



Minnesota Twins' starting pitcher Francisco Liriano delivers against the Texas Rangers during the first inning of a baseball game on Sunday, June 12, 2011, in Minneapolis.

## Red Sox 14, Blue Jays 1

At Toronto, Jon Lester pitched two-hit ball over eight innings, David Ortiz and Kevin Youkilis each homered and drove in four runs and the Boston Red Sox won their ninth in a row, battering the Toronto Blue Jays.

Adrian Gonzalez and Dustin Pedroia also homered for Boston, which never trailed while sweeping the three-game series.

## Yankees 9, Indians 1

At New York, Derek Jeter had a pair of RBI singles, Alex Rodriguez drove in three runs and the New York Yankees pounded out a season-high 18 hits in beating the slumping Cleveland Indians.

Jeter singled during a five-run fifth inning and again during a three-run eighth, closing within seven hits of 3,000. The Yankees' captain has four more games during their homestand to reach the milestone before the team heads out on a six-game trip.

## Mariners 7, Tigers 3

At Detroit, Miguel Olivo hit two home runs and Felix Hernandez pitched eight strong innings to lead the Seattle Mariners over the Detroit Tigers.

The Mariners trailed 2-0 and hadn't hit the ball out of the infield when Olivo led off the fifth with a home run. Seattle went on to score three runs in the inning, and Olivo added a two-run shot in the eighth.

Hernandez (7-5) allowed three runs

on nine hits. He struck out six and walked five.

Rick Porcello (6-4) went seven innings, allowing three runs on six hits with three walks and five strikeouts.

## Royals 9, Angels 0

At Anaheim, Vin Mazzaro pitched seven stellar innings and the Kansas City Royals turned five double plays to beat the Los Angeles Angels.

Alex Gordon, Billy Butler and Chris Getz each drove in two runs for the Royals, who won seven of their 10 meetings with the Angels. This is just the second time they've taken a season series from them in the last 15 years.

Mazzaro (1-1) scattered five hits and walked five in his third start with Kansas City.

## White Sox 5, Athletics 4

At Chicago, Adam Dunn hit a three-run homer to back seven strong innings by Phil Humber and the Chicago White Sox beat the Oakland Athletics.

Humber (6-3) pitched at least seven innings for the fifth straight start. He struck out a career-high seven and gave up four hits.

The White Sox broke a tie with two runs in the seventh. Mark Teahen scored on a throwing error by Oakland third baseman Scott Sizemore and Paul Konerko had an RBI single.

Guillermo Moscoso (2-3) took the loss.

## Rays 9, Orioles 6

At Baltimore, Johnny Damon hit his 27th career leadoff home run, Evan Longoria had an inside-the-park homer and three RBIs, and the Tampa Bay Rays cruised past the Baltimore Orioles.

Justin Ruggiano had three hits for the Rays, who won two of three from Baltimore to clinch their first winning road trip of 11 or more games since 2003. Tampa Bay is 6-4 on a four-city, 11-game journey that concludes with a makeup game in Detroit on Monday.

Damon had two hits and scored twice. The 37-year-old has reached base in a career-best 37 consecutive games, tying the club record set by Ben Grieve in 2001.

Longoria hit the third inside-the-park homer in the 20-year history of Camden Yards; Butch Davis did it for Texas in 1993 and Detroit's Shane Halter hit one in 2003.

## Braves 4, Astros 1

At Houston, Tommy Hanson struck out a career-high 14 in seven innings, Brian McCann and Dan Uggla hit two-run homers and the Atlanta Braves beat the Houston Astros 4-1 Sunday for their sixth straight win.

Hanson (8-4) gave up one run and three hits while improving to 3-0 in five career starts against the Astros. He struck out five in a row early in the game and fanned the last three batters he faced.

The Astros lost for the eighth time

in nine games and struck out 17 times overall.

## Diamondbacks 5, Marlins 1

At Miami, Daniel Hudson allowed one run in six-plus innings, Stephen Drew had three hits and two RBIs, and Arizona handed Florida its 10th loss in 11 games.

Florida had at least one hit in every inning but left 13 runners on base.

Hudson (7-5) won for the seventh time in eight decisions since starting the season 0-4. He gave up eight hits with three walks and seven strikeouts.

## Dodgers 10, Rockies 8

At Denver, James Loney hit his second career grand slam and hard-throwing rookie Rubby De La Rosa pitched five effective innings before exiting with a forearm cramp, helping the Dodgers hold off Colorado.

Matt Kemp hit his NL-leading 20th homer and Rod Barajas added another as the Dodgers finished their road swing at 5-5.

De La Rosa (3-0) was zipping his fastball with more velocity than his All-Star counterpart Ubaldo Jimenez (notes) (1-7), who set a new dubious mark by surrendering a career-high three homers.

## Mets 7, Pirates 0

At Pittsburgh, Chris Capuano pitched seven innings, Jose Reyes homered and New York beat the Pirates.

Capuano (5-6) allowed three hits

and two walks with five strikeouts to win consecutive starts for the first time since April 2007.

Reyes had three hits for his majors-leading 33rd multihit game, homering two pitches after pinch-hitter Scott Hairston also did in the ninth.

## Brewers 4, Cardinals 3

At Milwaukee, Prince Fielder hit a go-ahead homer in the sixth, and the Brewers knocked St. Louis out of first place in the NL Central.

Fielder's 19th home run chased Jake Westbrook (6-4) who carried a shutout into the sixth.

Fielder, who went 2 for 3 with a walk and two RBIs, now has 58 RBIs to extend his lead in the NL.

Shaun Marcum (notes) (7-2) won for the first time since May 21, a span of three starts that included a loss and then consecutive no decisions.

## Phillies 4, Cubs 3

At Philadelphia, Ryan Howard went 3 for 3 and drove in three runs, and Roy Oswalt recovered from a rocky first to pitch seven solid innings and lead the Phillies to a comeback win.

Howard's two-run single in the seventh put the Phillies ahead for the first time and helped Philadelphia to its fifth win in seven games.

Chase Utley had two hits with a double and two runs scored for the Phillies, who took three of four from the Cubs.

## Nationals 2, Padres 0

At San Diego, Danny Espinosa hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the ninth inning for Washington.

Espinosa got robbed of an extra-base hit when right fielder Chris Denorfia made a leaping catch against the short right-field porch. But pinch-runner Brian Bixler scored anyway.

The Nationals took three of four to get the franchise's first series win in San Diego since 2001.

## Giants 4, Reds 2

At San Francisco, Aubrey Huff had three hits and two RBIs, Jonathan Sanchez pitched six wildly effective innings and the Giants rallied from two runs down.

Nate Schierholtz delivered the go-ahead sacrifice fly off reliever Jose Arredondo (0-2) during a two-run seventh inning that helped the Giants earn a split of the four-game series.

Sanchez walked five and struck out five in six innings. He constantly pitched out of jams and forced three inning-ending double plays.

# Locked-out? NFL training camp sites start to sweat



**MINNEAPOLIS** (AP)—Jake's Stadium Pizza has been a fast-food fixture on the Minnesota State University campus for nearly four decades. This summer, they're cooking that thin crust with crossed fingers in Mankato, Minn.

The NFL lockout, now headed toward its fourth month, is threatening a revenue-driving, profile-raising event for this small, family-owned business: Vikings training camp.

"We're hoping they get it done, because it's not just us. It's the whole state that will suffer," said Wally Boyer, the owner of the joint where

players from Jim Marshall to John Randle have recuperated after many a draining workout. Fans, too, have long made that familiar walk down Stadium Road after watching practice to fill up and cool off.

If the work stoppage lingers long enough to keep teams holding traditional training camps, the hit would be felt far beyond Minnesota, and it wouldn't just be about losing money.

In upstate New York, the Jets have trained on the SUNY Cortland campus the last two years.

"Just their presence alone has stimulated people. It's just good for the mental health of the community,"

said Cortland State football coach Dan MacNeill. "For our people, it's been fun. It has impacted the football program. We don't have normal use of our facilities. But an NFL franchise, no matter where you go, there's a heck of a following."

Seventeen of the 32 NFL teams last year held training camp at their year-round facilities, reflecting a trend toward cost-and-time efficiency in an era in which chemistry is built and conditioning established well before the two-a-day grind in August.

But the other 15 teams still take their show on the road, many of them to slower-paced cities and small col-

leges where their presence is a big deal - and a big financial boon.

Some people make a summer vacation out of watching their favorite team run drills and scrimmages. Day-trippers at least stop for a bite to eat on the way out of town.

The Cardinals have held camp at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff since 1988, and the school's Rural Policy Institute estimated it brought \$7 million to the local economy last year, with an overall impact of \$10 million. There were over 38,000 visitors, 81 percent of those from out of town, along with 122 jobs created by the camp.

In southern Minnesota, a 90-minute drive from the Twin Cities, Vikings training camp makes a \$5 million impact on the region, said Anna Thill, president of the Greater Mankato Convention and Visitors Bureau. Last year, it drew 60,000 visitors from at least 30 states, and a few foreign countries.

The university charges \$7 for parking near the practice fields, but that's only part of the story. The school also receives tremendous exposure.

"They do bring people here, and young people are introduced to the campus. There's certainly a marketing value to the Vikings being here that is difficult to determine," said Michael Cooper, the university's media relations director.

**TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES**

**MLB STANDINGS**

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	39	26	.600	—
New York	36	27	.571	2
Tampa Bay	35	30	.538	4
Toronto	32	34	.485	7 1/2
Baltimore	30	33	.476	8
Central Division				
Cleveland	34	29	.540	—
Detroit	35	30	.538	1
Chicago	33	35	.485	3 1/2
Kansas City	29	37	.439	6 1/2
Minnesota	26	39	.400	9
West Division				
Texas	36	31	.537	—
Seattle	34	32	.515	1 1/2
Los Angeles	31	36	.463	5
Oakland	28	39	.418	8
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Philadelphia	40	26	.606	—
Atlanta	38	28	.576	2
Florida	32	32	.500	7
New York	32	33	.492	7 1/2
Washington	30	36	.455	10
Central Division				
Milwaukee	38	28	.576	—
St. Louis	38	29	.567	1/2
Cincinnati	34	33	.507	4 1/2
Pittsburgh	31	33	.484	6
Chicago	25	39	.391	12
Houston	24	42	.364	14
West Division				
San Francisco	37	29	.561	—
Arizona	36	30	.545	1
Colorado	31	34	.477	5 1/2
Los Angeles	31	36	.463	6 1/2
San Diego	29	38	.433	8 1/2

**Yesterday's Games**  
Arizona 5, Florida 1  
Philadelphia 4, Chicago Cubs 3  
N.Y. Mets 7, Pittsburgh 0  
Atlanta 4, Houston 1  
Milwaukee 4, St. Louis 3  
L.A. Dodgers 10, Colorado 8  
Washington 2, San Diego 0  
San Francisco 4, Cincinnati 2  
N.Y. Yankees 9, Cleveland 1  
Seattle 7, Detroit 3  
Boston 14, Toronto 1  
Tampa Bay 9, Baltimore 6  
Chicago White Sox 5, Oakland 4  
Minnesota 6, Texas 1  
Kansas City 9, L.A. Angels 0

**ST. JUDE CLASSIC SCORES**

FINAL ROUND						
Harrison Frazar	71	65	64	67	267	\$1,008,000
Robert Karlsson	66	65	68	68	267	\$604,800
Retief Goosen	68	71	64	69	272	\$252,560
Tim Herron	73	65	69	65	272	\$252,560
Charles Howell III	72	67	67	66	272	\$252,560
Ryuji Imada	70	68	68	66	272	\$252,560
Camilo Villegas	69	69	70	64	272	\$252,560
Stephen Ames	69	68	68	68	273	\$162,400
Carl Pettersson	69	69	67	68	273	\$162,400
Cameron Tringale	71	68	66	68	273	\$162,400
John Merrick	66	69	67	72	274	\$134,400
Lee Westwood	69	70	69	66	274	\$134,400
Robert Allenby	70	71	67	67	275	\$112,000
David Mathis	65	72	72	66	275	\$112,000
Blake Adams	72	67	66	71	276	\$84,000
Fabian Gomez	67	70	71	68	276	\$84,000
Colt Knost	66	68	72	70	276	\$84,000
Spencer Levin	72	69	71	64	276	\$84,000
Troy Matteson	70	67	70	69	276	\$84,000
Brandt Snedeker	71	66	69	70	276	\$84,000
D.J. Trahan	74	67	66	69	276	\$84,000
Kris Blanks	66	71	68	72	277	\$58,240
Rod Pampling	75	66	68	68	277	\$58,240
Jimmy Walker	69	70	70	68	277	\$58,240
Keegan Bradley	67	67	70	74	278	\$41,840
Jonathan Byrd	71	68	68	71	278	\$41,840
Greg Chalmers	72	69	66	71	278	\$41,840
Kent Jones	68	70	73	67	278	\$41,840
John Rollins	70	70	71	67	278	\$41,840
Scott Stallings	69	68	71	70	278	\$41,840
Paul Stankowski	71	69	71	67	278	\$41,840
Chad Campbell	72	69	69	69	279	\$30,987
Fredrik Jacobson	71	65	68	75	279	\$30,987
Zach Johnson	73	68	70	68	279	\$30,987
Jerry Kelly	72	69	68	70	279	\$30,987
Jhonattan Vegas	73	69	66	71	279	\$30,987
Boo Weekley	68	72	70	69	279	\$30,987
Shane Bertsch	71	67	70	72	280	\$21,840
John Daly	69	73	71	67	280	\$21,840
Brian Davis	71	70	69	70	280	\$21,840
Marco Dawson	68	72	69	71	280	\$21,840
Andres Gonzales	75	65	70	70	280	\$21,840
Todd Hamilton	72	70	69	69	280	\$21,840
Kevin Kisner	66	72	72	70	280	\$21,840
Nick O'Hern	71	66	77	66	280	\$21,840
Cameron Percy	70	70	70	70	280	\$21,840
Ben Curtis	71	68	71	71	281	\$14,806
David Hearn	69	70	69	73	281	\$14,806
George McNeill	70	67	70	74	281	\$14,806
Michael Putnam	71	69	70	71	281	\$14,806
Kirk Triplett	73	68	72	68	281	\$14,806
Padraig Harrington	70	72	72	68	282	\$13,132
Jeff Quinney	68	73	71	70	282	\$13,132
Heath Slocum	68	73	72	69	282	\$13,132
Marc Tumesa	72	68	72	70	282	\$13,132
Shaun Micheel	68	71	73	71	283	\$12,600
Jim Renner	72	69	72	70	283	\$12,600
Kevin Stadler	73	69	72	69	283	\$12,600
Johnston Wagner	74	68	72	69	283	\$12,600
Chris Couch	71	70	68	75	284	\$12,152
Will MacKenzie	71	70	70	73	284	\$12,152
Aron Price	69	71	74	70	284	\$12,152
Mike Small	72	69	71	72	284	\$12,152
Craig Barlow	70	72	71	72	285	\$11,816
Steve Flesch	70	71	73	71	285	\$11,816
Rich Beem	72	68	73	73	286	\$11,536
Geoff Ogilvy	71	70	72	73	286	\$11,536
Dicky Pride	70	71	71	74	286	\$11,536
John Senden	69	73	70	75	287	\$11,312
Richard S. Johnson	74	68	72	75	289	\$11,200
D.J. Brigman	72	68	74	76	290	\$11,088
Garrett Willis	71	71	72	80	294	\$10,976

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Frazar wins 1st PGA Tour title in 355th try



ST. JUDE CLASSIC

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Harrison Frazar knows he’s supposed to act as if he’s won before. Turns out it’s really tough the first time around, especially for someone who thought he’d missed his chance.

Frazar won his first PGA Tour title in his 355th tournament, beating Robert Karlsson with a par on the third hole of a sudden-death playoff Sunday at the St. Jude Classic. He won a month before turning 40 when Karlsson pushed a par-saving putt 3 feet past the hole.

“It was a whirlwind there. This was the first time,” Frazar said. “I don’t know if I’m supposed to keep the seer-sucker jacket. I don’t know if I’m supposed to carry the trophy. You don’t know who you’re supposed to talk to. I felt bad. I didn’t thank the sponsors. I didn’t thank FedEx. I didn’t thank the volunteers. I was not quite sure really what was happening right then.

“The only tournament that I won in Q-school, you walked in, signed your card in the scoring trailer, and they gave you a pat on the back, ‘Good job.’ You walked out the door. There was nobody there.”

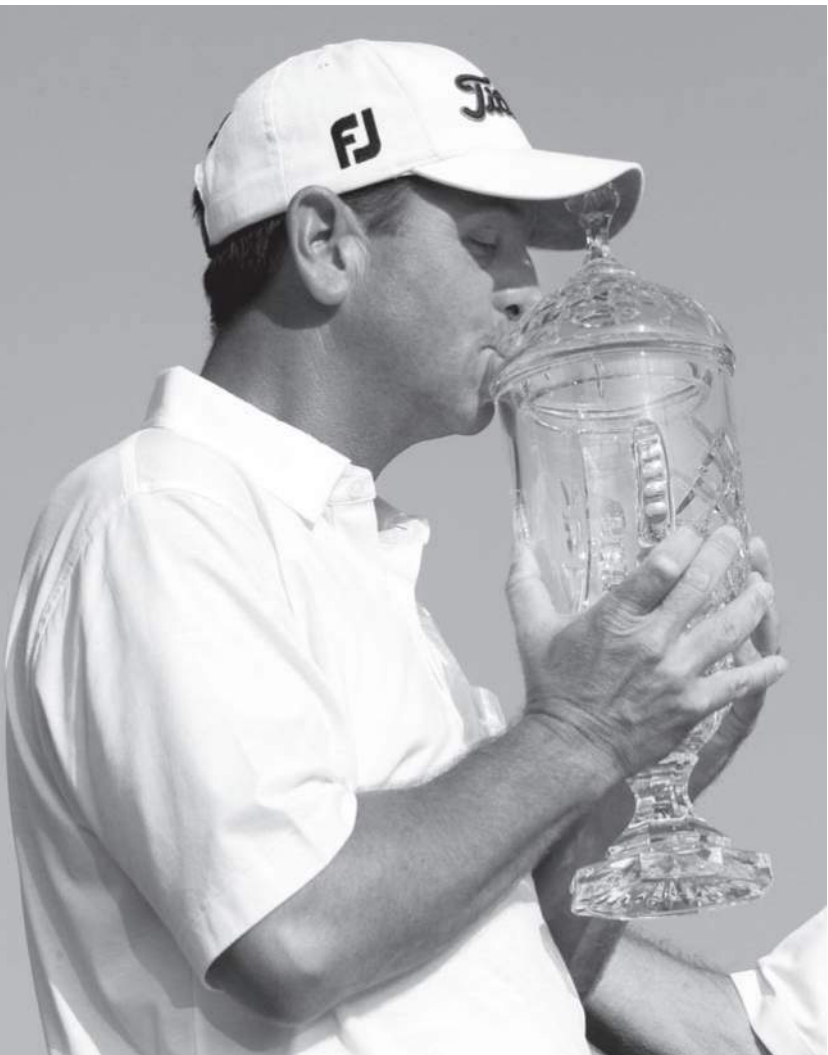
And Frazar had been so ready to quit golf he had plans lined up for a new job at the end of the year.

He turns 40 on July 29, misses his family back in Texas, and is playing this year on a major medical exemption after separate surgeries on his hip and shoulder last summer. Memphis is just the fourth cut he’s made in 10 events, though he just qualified for the upcoming U.S. Open at Congressional.

Now Frazar has the biggest paycheck of his career, taking home \$1,008,000. He knows he’ll be playing at least a couple more years now he has a slot in the Tournament of Champions in Maui in January and in Augusta next April for his first Masters.

“It just shows you how sometimes when you let your guard down or let your expectations soften, you can free yourself up,” Frazar said.

Frazar hadn’t had a chance to share the news with his wife and three children when he talked with reporters. He said his wife likely was stuck in the



AP

Harrison Frazar kisses the championship trophy after winning the St. Jude Classic golf tournament Sunday, June 12, 2011, in Memphis, Tenn.

Dallas airport, flying to meet him at Congressional.

“I’m assuming her phone is either blown up, or she’s trying to get through the airport with three screaming kids,” Frazar said.

Frazar missed a chance to win on the 72nd hole when he made his first bogey of the day. He shot a 3-under 67 to match Karlsson (68) at 13 under. He became the seventh first-time winner on tour this year and the first to win his first title in Memphis since Dicky Pride in 1994.

“I just wanted to make it interesting,” Frazar joked. “I felt bad for Robert.”

Karlsson led after the second and third rounds, and he has shot below par on his past eight rounds here. Now the Swede has lost in a playoff at the TPC Southwind course for a second straight

year, though he said he couldn’t have done much more in what he called a great match.

“He played great, and I played good as well,” Karlsson said. “It’s one of those days where I think most of us had a lot of fun out there. Congratulate him on a great win. He played great in the last round after sort of being injured and stuff like that. He played really well.”

Camilo Villegas (64) tied for third with Tim Herron, Ryuji Imada, Charles Howell and Retief Goosen. Lee Westwood, the 2010 champion here, tied for 11th.

“It’s pretty cool,” Frazar said.

This final round turned into a two-man playoff almost from the opening hole with no one closer than three strokes early, a margin that expanded to six.

tinue to work with the Saipan Soccer School to help its development program and he wishes someday that Saipan players will go to Hong Kong and play against Chelsea FC strikers.

Before the opening of the Saipan Soccer School, the Chelsea FC officials conducted a series of clinics to players and coaches and now that the school has opened, Santos hopes they can return here to continue providing technical knowledge to the CNMI football community. “We hope we can visit Saipan

and fifth, respectively, while Korean players, Dae Hak and Se Won Lah rounded out the bottom two.

All finalists earned an entry to another Black Jack event later this year. Finalists started with a bank of

again, maybe come back here every year and hold a longer session with coaches and players. We had a great time here and we love to help players and coaches develop their skills. You can start improving your skills by joining the Saipan Soccer School,” Santos said.

**Free summer camp**

Meanwhile, the Saipan Soccer School has a free summer camp, which started yesterday.

The camp will run until Aug. 5 and

Frazar kept catching Karlsson atop the leaderboard, finally getting the lead to himself when Karlsson bogeyed No. 17 after yanking a 3-wood way left off the tee. Frazar promptly gave the stroke back on the 72nd hole when his second shot landed near the green and dribbled into the water.

Karlsson stroked in an 8-foot par putt to set up his second straight playoff in Memphis.

In the playoff, Frazar had a 17-footer for birdie and the win on the first hole at No. 18 where he had just bogeyed. But he pushed his putt a foot past. Karlsson had an 18-foot birdie putt for the win on the par-3 11th only to just miss right, while Frazar two-putted from 45 feet.

Frazar had a nice drive on the third hole, the par-4 12th, that left him 93 yards to the pin. He hit his approach to 22 feet and two-putted.

Karlsson had to chip onto the green, and the ball sped past 11 feet past the hole. Needing to hole out to extend the playoff, Karlsson missed his par putt left.

Frazar tied Karlsson at 12 under through three, at 13 under through eight and at 14 under when he stuck his tee shot on the par-3 No. 11 6 feet from the pin for his fourth birdie of the round. With nobody else closer than six strokes, the men matched par for par over the next five holes.

Frazar had birdie putts of 4 feet and 15 feet to take the lead on Nos. 16 and 17 but couldn’t knock them in.

Still sharing the lead, Karlsson yanked his tee shot on the par-4 No. 17 way into the rough. His 8-iron came up 42 yards short of the pin, leaving him a 6-footer for par. He started it left of the hole, and it never moved off the line rolling 4 feet past the pin.

Frazar gave it right back on 18, taking his drop and knocking his ball to 2 feet to salvage bogey after Karlsson’s par putt from 8 feet.

“Felt more like 12 for me,” Karlsson said. “Really, really big 8 feet. I know that’s a putt to get into the playoff. So you ... pick your shot and try to hit it there. Scary thing was I had quite a big spike mark right in the way, but you can’t clip it. That’s the way it is. You take your spot and try to hit it as good as you can, and it went in. It was great.”

will be for co-ed players in the U8 to U10 age groups.

There will be two sessions from Monday to Friday with the first one set for 8am to 10am and the second one from 10am to 12pm. Only 20 players are allowed per session.

Tan Holdings women’s team head coach Jershwin Angeles and Shirley’s FC women’s head coach Ruselle Zapanta are the camp directors.

Registration is on going. For more information, call 235-8747, extension 148 and look for Angie Ito.

lected to play in the semis. The semis had seven tables with seven players apiece. The Top 3 from each table moved to the finals.

Meanwhile, TDHC will be holding the Baccarat Challenge on July 9 and 10.

were Dick Boranah and Joel Ortega, Zandro Neri and Bryan Balboa, Eydie Uy and Rick Brien, Park Sang Do and Daniel Cho, and Gargallo and de Guzman.

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and Hoishi settled for the \$10,00 third place prize. Japanese Keiichi Sekii and Takao Muranishi finished fourth

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tos and Sam Jones, and Andrew Galvez and Espana also went home victorious.

For Friday’s results, the winners list at Court 3 includes Caleon, Dick Guintu and Narlou Achas, Dick Koo, Marylyn Montano, and Galvez. At Court 2, Edwin Maratas and Jorge

Olanda, Montano and Cheng Saturno, Kim Boranah and Lee Eun Yee, and Lot Abuel and Annette Quiambao recorded separate wins. At Court 1, making it to the winners column

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ward, and departed before most of the Mavs tugged on their championship hats and T-shirts. Bosh had 19, Mario Chalmers 18 and Wade 17 for the Heat.

“We worked so hard and so long for it,” Nowitzki said. “The team has had an unbelievable ride.”

So did the Heat. Unlike Dallas, theirs wasn’t a joyride.

“It goes without saying,” Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. “You’re never really prepared for a moment like this. ... Neither team deserved this championship more than the other, but Dallas earned it.”

Make no mistake: Miami lost the finals, but the blame will be directed at James. Even he knew that after the way he left Cleveland with “The Decision” and all the animus that generated not just in Ohio but around the entire league, the only way he could silence some critics was with a title.

“It doesn’t weigh on me,” James said. “At all.”

Still, he got even more criticism—and a thinly veiled jab from his former owner with the Cavaliers, Dan Gilbert, who reveled in the moment on Twitter.

“Mavs NEVER stopped & now entire franchise gets rings,” Gilbert wrote. “Old Lesson for all: There are NO SHORTCUTS. NONE.”

And the winning owner, Mark Cuban, took what may be perceived as a jab as well: “I could care less about the Heat,” he said.

Mavs coach Rick Carlisle joined a highly elite group, those with NBA titles as both a player and a head coach. Only 10 other men are on that list, including the presumably retired-for-good Phil Jackson, one of Carlisle’s mentors in K.C. Jones, and Heat President Pat Riley—who led Miami past Dallas in 2006, and was the mastermind of what the Heat did last summer by getting James, Wade and Bosh on the same team with an eye on becoming a dynasty.

It might still happen, of course.

But even after 72 wins this season, including playoffs, the Heat lost the last game. And that means this year was a disappointment—except to just about everyone else in the NBA, or so it would seem.

“This is a true team,” Carlisle said. “This is an old bunch. We don’t run fast or jump high. These guys had each other’s backs. We played the right way. We trusted the pass. This is a phenomenal thing for the city of Dallas.”

Hating the Heat became the NBA’s craze this season, and the team knew it had no shortage of critics, everyone from Cleveland (where “Cavs for Mavs” shirts were popular during these finals) to Chicago (the city James and Wade both flirted with last summer) and just about every place in between lining up to take shots at Miami.

“We could feel it,” Carlisle said, noting he was repeatedly told during the finals that “billions” of people wanted to see Dallas topple Miami.

Given their newfound popularity, meet the new America’s Team.

Sorry, Cowboys—your long-held moniker might have to be ceded to your city’s NBA club. When it was over, Cuban ran onto the court to hug Carlisle, then punched the air and whooped.

“I’m so happy for him. I’m so happy for Dirk,” Carlisle said.

Carlisle said Riley came down to congratulate the Mavericks after the game, showing “unbelievable class.” Nowitzki and Wade exchanged texts at night’s end, after Wade couldn’t find him during the on-court celebration to shake his hand.

“Their time will come,” Carlisle said. “But now, it’s our time.”

When the Mavericks took a 2-0 lead in Dallas during the ‘06 finals, plans for their victory parade were announced. The Mavs didn’t win another game in that series.

Now, that parade will finally happen. And when it’s over, then the league’s uncertainty will truly begin. Labor strife likely awaits, and although more talks geared toward movement on a new deal

are scheduled for this week, both owners and players are bracing for a lockout to begin once the current collective bargaining agreement expires June 30.

Late Sunday night, the CBA was the last thing on the mind of the new champions of the NBA, whom Carlisle called “the most special team I’ve ever been around.”

Jason Kidd, at 38 years old, got his first championship. Nowitzki got his at 32, Terry at 33. They were featured on the video screen in their building in Dallas during this series on what seemed like a constant loop, each posing with the NBA trophy and looking longingly at it, standing mere inches from it, as if to say “so close, yet so far away.”

No more.

It’s theirs. And for the second time, James went to the finals, only to see the other team celebrate. San Antonio won in Cleveland in 2007, and four years later, he saw the Mavs party on his new floor.

“It was a failure in ‘07 when we lost to the Spurs when I was in Cleveland,” James said. “It’s a failure now.”

Nowitzki sealed it with 2:27 left, hitting a jumper near the Miami bench to put Dallas up 99-89, and some fans actually began leaving. Nowitzki walked to the Mavs’ side slowly, right fist clenched and aloft.

He knew it. Everyone did.

“We feel it,” Wade said. “We’ll feel it even more tomorrow.”

Spoelstra implored his team to foul in the final minute, and even then, they couldn’t catch the Mavericks.

“All I remember is telling those guys that they deserved it,” Bosh said. “Hands down, they were the better team in this series. ... All we can do is just admit it and move forward.”

What happens with the next deal may affect the Heat more than anyone. Some owners will insist on a hard cap, rolled-back salaries and, potentially, trying to bust some current deals—which could break up the Big 3 before get another chance to win a title together.

A gloomy end to the season may bring an even gloomier offseason for Miami.

“Every situation has felt like it was an our-back-against-the-wall situation,” James said Sunday morning, hours before Game 6 began. “We’ve been able to figure it out and find our way through and scratch our way through. This is the last test. This is the last pop quiz for us that we need to pass in order to make it all worth it.”

They didn’t pass.

So therefore, it wasn’t all worth it.

“We give credit to the Dallas Mavericks,” Wade said. “They’re a helluva team. ... We ran into a team that at this time is obviously better than us.”

Miami had chances to take command and wasted them all. The Heat missed 13 of their 33 free throws, let the Mavericks score 27 points off turnovers and simply could not get a rebound in the final minutes.

Nowitzki finished 9 for 27, and the Mavs still won. He was 1 for 12 in the first half, and they were still ahead, 53-51, thanks largely to Terry’s 19 points on 8-of-10 shooting.

“Was he unbelievable tonight or what?” marveled Nowitzki.

Down the stretch, Terry made another contribution. He grabbed Nowitzki during a time-out, telling him, “Remember ‘06.” The final minutes belonged to Dirk and the Mavs, and a few German flags waved in Miami’s arena during the postgame celebration.

“This feeling, to be on the best team in the world, it’s just undescribable,” Nowitzki said.

After James got off to such a fast start, he had two points in the final 19-plus minutes of the half.

James didn’t score in the second half until a layup with 1:49 remained in the third - his first field-goal attempt since 1:05 remained in the half. Kidd made a 3-pointer late in the period, pushing the Dallas lead to 79-71, and it seemed like the only people standing in the arena were the players, referees, Cuban and a few guys around the Dallas bench.

Dallas took control in the second half after some wild back-and-forths in the opening two quarters. Miami took

its last lead of the game—the season—just 64 seconds into the second half, lost it 16 seconds later and chased the Mavericks the rest of the way.

They never caught them.

“I can’t believe the journey,” said Kidd, who lost two previous finals trips with the New Jersey Nets. “The journey, the character of my teammates telling me they wanted to get me a championship. Tonight they came out and played well. I came here twice, this being my third time so third time was the lucky charm.”

It was 81-72 entering the fourth, after Ian Mahinmi made a foul-line jumper as time expired in the third, just his third basket of the entire series.

None were bigger. The Mavs could taste a title.

“We had no champions on this team,” Mavs center Tyson Chandler said. “And we walked away with a team full of champions.”

Of the principal characters from the 2006 series, only Cuban, Nowitzki and Terry remain from the Mavericks’ side, and for them, the beginning of this championship celebration seemed sweeter than even they could have imagined. Terry won’t have to get his tattoo—the one of the NBA championship trophy—removed, which he vowed to have done if Miami won this series. Nowitzki will never be in the conversation of ‘Best player without a title’ again.

James is clearly the one with that most-unwanted label now.

As the night wore on, the smell of champagne permeated from the Dallas locker room, while Miami’s was cleaned and vacuumed quickly, towels picked up, shower shoes stacked neatly before each player’s locker. Nearby, in the team’s usual postgame interview room, the Mavericks posed with the championship trophy, whooping in joy as Miami players filed out in stunned disbelief.

The offseason started earlier than the Heat ever imagined.

“The Greater Man upstairs know when it’s my time,” James tweeted. “Right now isn’t the time.”

# CUBAN’S

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Oklahoma City, even refusing to answer questions about why he’d stopped doing interviews.

He kept it up during the finals, all the more remarkable considering he was front and center during Dallas’ 2006 trip to the finals against Miami, causing such a ruckus he was fined \$250,000—part of a tab that’s well over \$1 million.

Sitting next to the Larry O’Brien Trophy, wearing his favorite new hat, he finally explained why his silence.

“The big mystery, huh?” he said. “It

didn’t make any sense to say anything,” he said, reciting the litany of questions he knew would surround each series. “The quieter I got, the more we won. I didn’t want to break the karma.”

Not that he thought there was a correlation between his silence and the team’s success.

“Do you really think these guys are going to play any harder or less hard because of what I say?” he said. “That’s disrespectful. They put it on the line. They didn’t care if I was naked at every game. They were going to go out there and play as hard as they could.”

In a corner of the jubilant locker room

Sunday night, coach Rick Carlisle acknowledged that he helped convince Cuban to let the players and their performance on the court do all the talking.

“We kind of mutually talked about it,” Carlisle said. “He was great about it. He understood and he knew it was the right thing. ... Mark’s a much more humble person than a lot of people want to believe. His heart is always in the right place. It gives us the tools to succeed. He was extremely disciplined during this run and it helped us.”

During the trophy presentation, and again at the start of his postgame interview, Carlisle used the line, “Our owner

Ohio, James’ home state. Fans there were stunned and shunned when he decided to leave the Cleveland Cavaliers, and the hurt turned to rage when he opted to do it in the heavily criticized TV show called “The Decision,” which included the much-mocked announcement that he was taking his talents to South Beach.

And make no mistake, it’s a load of talent. James just couldn’t figure out how to use it in this series.

“Any time you feel like you get to the top of the mountain and you fall off, there’s definitely a personal failure,” James said.

He claimed confusion over how to be most effective when superstar buddy Dwyane Wade was playing well. He said he wasn’t tired from playing too many minutes, that nothing was wrong with his shot.

But something was amiss, because the two-time league MVP, largely considered the most talented player in the NBA, was

is now available for interviews.” It was his way of saying the muzzle was off.

“Look, he’s a smart guy,” Carlisle said. “He understands that certain things are sacred.”

Carter started the Mavericks in 1980 after a long, hard fight for an expansion team. He sold the club to Ross Perot Jr. in 1996, and in 2000 he sold it to Cuban. Mr. C, as he’s fondly known, has remained a part of the organization and a constant presence in court-side seats directly across from the Mavs bench—always wearing the white cowboy hat that was part of the club’s original logo.

Cuban approached Carter at game’s

at best the third-best player in this series behind Dirk Nowitzki and Wade.

The Mavericks showed no fear of James. Jason Terry wondered aloud if James, a first-team All-NBA defender, could guard him for seven games after James shut Terry out in the fourth quarters of Games 1 and 3.

Turns out, James couldn’t. Terry finally broke free in the fourth quarter of the pivotal Game 5 and led the Mavs with 27 points in the clincher.

DeShawn Stevenson claimed it appeared James “checked out” down the stretch in Game 4.

James had become perhaps the league’s most-scrutinized player since last July, with the way he left the Cavs rubbing so many the wrong way. But it was rare for him to receive such criticism for what happened on the court as he did during this series.

He never got to play with another great player in Cleveland, where he

end and asked him to accept the trophy from Stern. It was a classy move and, by Carter’s estimation, the continuation of a run of great moves by Cuban this postseason.

“There wasn’t a script written for him that I know of, but he played it down exactly on when to say something, when not to,” Carter said. “He was everything I would ask an owner to be.”

With his voice cracking, Carter added: “I’ll just say he has become the owner I’ve always wanted because of his love of the game. I’d put him up against any of the owners and I’ve been around for 31 years.”

eventually felt he would never be able to win a title. His lone finals appearance had ended in a sweep, and he’d never really come close again despite the Cavs’ regular-season success.

So while there was ridicule over the way he did it, there was understanding why he left Cleveland, why he felt he needed better players around him.

But it also meant nothing but a title would do for James’ critics, something he seemed to understand when he noted after Game 5 that he had a triple-double but it was viewed by many as a bad performance, because he did so little in the fourth quarter.

“The Greater Man upstairs know when it’s my time,” James tweeted. “Right now isn’t the time.”

And one of his biggest critics, Cavs owner Dan Gilbert, fired a quick shot on Twitter, congratulating the Mavs and noting that “There are NO SHORTCUTS. NONE.”

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tory in Game 6. James started strong and faltered at the finish, just the way the Heat did in this series.

James agreed the loss felt like a “personal failure” but also said “it hurts of course, but I’m not going to hang my head low.”

And he said he wouldn’t let it bother him that so many were so happy to see him fail.

“Absolutely not, because at the end of the day, all the people that were rooting on me to fail, at the end of the day, they have to wake up tomorrow and have the same life that they had before they woke up today,” James said. “They have the same personal problems they had today. I’m going to continue to live the way I want to live and continue to do the things that I want to do with me and my family and be happy with that.

# Leina wins PH Independence Day tourney

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**L**eina Kim won the Philippine Independence Day Open Golf Tournament championship last Sunday after besting a field of 45 at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort.

Eight days after ruling the 2011 HAN-MI Cup on the same golf course, the 19-year-old Colorado State University at Pueblo student annexed her second Philippine Independence Day championship trophy after shooting a net 71.8 in the double peoria tournament.

"I'm really, really surprised I came out on top today. There were a lot of good golfers who played the tournament and I guess I'm just lucky that despite that and the scorching heat this morning, I won," said Kim during the

awards banquet held Sunday evening at the Aqua Resort Club.

Kim, who ruled the same tournament in 2007, dedicated her win to her brother Michael, who is currently undergoing basic training in the U.S. Army; and sister Haina, who is already serving in Afghanistan.

Kim immediately tamed the greens and fairways of COP, as she took the lead of the Fil-Taga Golf Association-organized tournament in the front nine.

Birdying holes No. 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9, Kim more than made up for bogeys on holes No. 6 and 8 to go along with pars in the second and fourth holes to finish with a 3-under 33.

She slowed down a bit in the back nine, however, as she alternated bogeys and pars from the 10th to 13th hole be-

fore making a birdie on the 14th.

Kim finished with three more bogeys but managed to save par on the 17th to wind up with a 4-over 40.

For the one-day tournament, Kim finished with a 73 gross, but minus her miniscule 1.2 handicap, she came away with the winning score.

Carl Hocog was runner-up, as the Department of Public Safety officer finished with a 72.8 net built around a gross of 80 and a superior 7.1 handicap.

Edward Manibusan came in third with a net 73. The former Superior Court presiding judge had a gross of 79 and a handicap of 6.0.

Despite registering the day's lowest gross of 72, J.J. Atalig settled only for third place honors after his -1.2 handicap increased his post-handicap score to 73.2.

Also landing in the money round were Manny Alvarez and former CNMI national golfer George Taguchi, who both finished in fourth place with identical net scores of 73.4.

Alvarez fired a gross score of 89 and had a handicap of 15.6, while Taguchi shot a 77 and had a handicap of only 3.6.

Kim took home \$700 for her feat, while Hocog pocketed \$500 for coming in second. Manibusan was \$400 richer for bagging third, while Alvarez and Taguchi got \$150 apiece.

Kim and Taguchi, meanwhile, joined Jung Eun Teack as winners in the closest to the pin competition.

The 2011 Philippine Independence Day tournament also served as Fil-Taga president Ted Malaran's swan song as he is set to leave Aqua Resort Club at the end of this month.



MARK RABAGO

Leina Kim is all smiles while holding her 2011 Philippine Independence Day Open championship trophy following the awards banquet Sunday night at Aqua Resort Club.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Chelsea FC Soccer School officials join local football heads for a group photo during the donation turnover ceremony that coincides with the opening of the Saipan Soccer School last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

## Saipan Soccer School opens

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The Saipan Soccer School opened on Saturday with no less than officials from Chelsea FC Soccer School (Hong Kong) gracing the inauguration ceremony at the TSL Sports Complex.



the sport and from there coaches will slowly develop good players," Chelsea

"This is a great facility, as players can practice day and night, rain or shine. It's a great way to teach beginners the basic of

FC Soccer School (Hong Kong) technical director Luam Khen Koo said.

Joining Koo in the opening rites were fellow Chelsea FC Soccer School (Hong Kong) technical director Leslie George Santos and head coach Kwon On "David" Tsui, Chelsea FC Soccer School part-owner

Raymond Tan, Tan Holdings board chair Tan Siu Lin, Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan, Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, Barrigada Mayor Jesie Palican, Rep. Edmund Villagomez, NMASA president Michael White, and officials from the various football clubs on Saipan and their players and coaches.

Jerry Tan said he hopes Saipan Soccer School will help provide a develop-  
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WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

Jun Mabuchi, center, accepts his trophy and \$65,000 cash prize from Casino General Manager Tim Blyth, right, and supervisor Bong Ramos for winning last weekend's Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino Black Jack Tournament.

## 2 pairs unbeaten in badminton

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The women's doubles A pairs of Hannah Choi and So Young Lee and Marlene Peraja and Lani Bartolome kept their unbeaten records in the 2011 IT&E Singles/Doubles Badminton Tournament after Week 2 of the competition at the TSL Sports Complex.

The two tandems improved to identical 2-0 records, becoming only the two teams to remain undefeated in their division pending Sunday's results.

Choi and Lee notched their second victory after surviving Angie Ito and Gigi Zapanta in three sets last



Thursday. Ito and Zapanta secured the first set, 21-14, but could not maintain their momentum in the end, as the Korean pair swept the last two sets, 21-12, 21-12, to steal the victory. Choi and Lee's first win were recorded during the opening week of the tournament, as they prevailed over Loyda Ito and Christy Villafior, 21-18, 21-13.

Bartolome and Peraja also played in the opening week and needed only two sets to down Anna Alvarez and Shirley Kim, 21-16, 21-18. Then the pair recorded their second straight set win after whipping Anna Rose Omori and Michelle Caleon last Thursday, 21-15, 21-17.

In other results last Thursday, Ezekiel Macario, Elna Curate, Alma Ortega and Chie Guevarra, Curate and Shirley Kim, and Saul Gargalo and Wowie de Guzman won their respective matches at Court 1. At Court 2, Rodwealth Espana, Edwin Montoya and Roger Vales, Hapi Gabriel and Ezekiel Macario, and Loyda Ito and Cristy Villafior topped their foes, and at Court 3, Cris Obaldo, Joseph San-  
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## Mabuchi is Black Jack champ

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Japan's Jun Mabuchi bested 100 competitors to win the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino Black Jack Tournament held over the weekend.

Mabuchi walked away with the \$65,000 cash prize after coming all the way from dead last during the first chip count that was announced at the start of the last five hands. He had only \$2,975 in chips and trailed eventual runner-up Yusuke Okada by \$1,125 in chips. At this time, eventual third placer Masayoshi Hoishi was in the lead with an even \$6,400 in chips.

Mabuchi caught fire in the next two

hands, with the dealer showing bust cards, and orchestrated a \$5,000 jump right into first place. He held \$9,975 in chips with just two hands to go with Okada in second with \$8,600; Hoishi was in third with \$8,400 checks.

Then Mabuchi remained lucky in a tense \$1,000 doubled down bet in the next hand and wisely played it safe at the homestretch.

In the finale hand, every player except Mabuchi doubled down in a last-ditch effort to make the money. At first, the dealer showed only a weak 5, but flipped over a 6 and hit a 9 for a solid 19 that bested the whole table.

Eventually, Okada won \$22,000,  
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## Mavericks top Heat for NBA title



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**M** IAMI (AP)—For Dirk Nowitzki, the resume is complete. He's an NBA champion.

For LeBron James, the agonizing wait continues for at least one more year.

A season that began with Miami celebrating the signings of James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh—along with the promise of championships—ended on the very same floor, with the Dallas Mavericks hoisting the title trophy for the first time in their franchise history after beating the Heat, 105-95, on Sunday night. The Mavericks won four of the series' last five games, a turnabout that could not have been sweeter.

"I really still can't believe it," said Nowitzki, who had 21

points and took home finals MVP honors.

He and Jason Terry, who led the Mavs with 27 points, were the two remaining players from the Dallas team that lost to Miami in the 2006 finals.

"Tonight," Terry said, "we got vindication."

James did not. Not even close, and a year unlike any other ended their way they all have so far—with him still waiting for an NBA title.

He scored 21 points for Miami, shook a few hands after-



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The Dallas Mavericks celebrate after Game 6 of the NBA Finals basketball game against the Miami Heat Sunday, June 12, 2011, in Miami.

## Cuban's lips unzipped, he remains somewhat humble

By JAIME ARON  
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**M** IAMI (AP)—Mark Cuban zipped his lips and won a championship.

And when it was time for his old nemesis David Stern to hand him the shiny gold trophy, this was his big chance to say anything he wanted, with everyone watching.

So, what did he do?

He stood behind a 78-year-old man and let him take center stage, a reward for Donald Carter having founded the team 31 long years ago. He brought his wife and three kids on the podium to enjoy the moment. He even realized how corny he was being when he told his toddler son, "This could be yours."

Then, out came the Mark Cuban most sports fans remember.

He swore in multiple TV interviews to emphasize how proud he was of his fans. He walked into a postgame news conference talking on the phone, hung up and hollered, "Did anybody inform you guys, we're the world champions?!" On his way out, he took the trophy with him and declared it was spending the night in his room.

Meet Mark Cuban 2.0—an NBA champion who can be

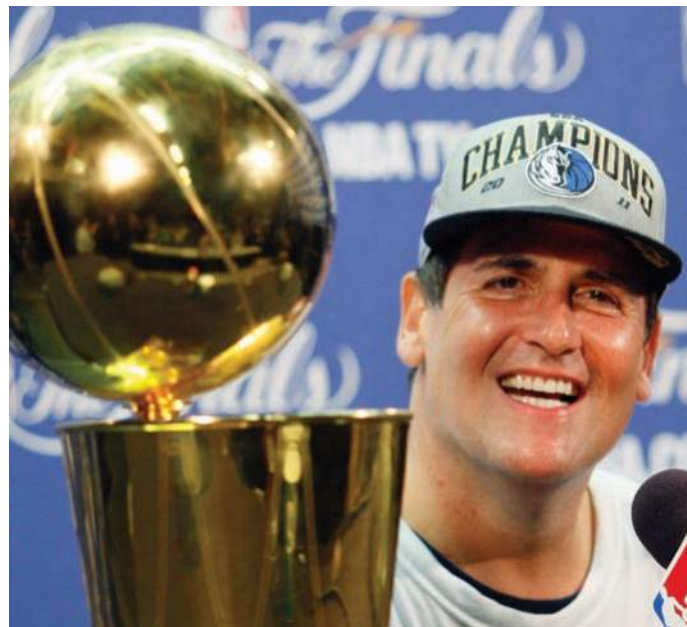
humble one moment, back to his raucous roots the next.

"You know, I probably won't even shower for six months," Cuban said, laughing. "My big-

gest fear is that I can't remember every little part of it, every emotion, every feeling that I went through as the clock was winding down. ... I was just hoping I could just do an emotional videotape of myself and just keep it. So that's my biggest

hope and fear that I'll be able to feel this forever."

Cuban hadn't spoken publicly since winning the Western Conference championship,



Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban smiles during a news conference after Game 6 of the NBA Finals basketball game against the Miami Heat Sunday, June 12, 2011, in Miami.

gest fear is that I can't remember every little part of it, every emotion, every feeling that I went through as the clock was winding down. ... I was just hoping I could just do an emotional videotape of myself and just keep it. So that's my biggest

when he proclaimed "We ain't done yet!"

On Sunday night, he spoke into the microphone with a voice scratchy from screaming and choked with emotion. He talked about being happy for his players, complimenting

them for having "so much heart, so much determination and so much more than that."

"I love every one of them," he said.

A pivotal moment in getting to this point came last summer, at Cuban's house. Dirk Nowitzki was a free agent and he wanted Cuban's vow that if he re-signed, the owner would keep the core of the team intact and do all he could to find the pieces needed to make them champions.

He did, and they did.

"I give Mark a lot of credit," Nowitzki said. "He stuck with me through thick and thin. He brought all the right players always in, always trying to spend money and make this organization better and this team better. So Mark is the best."

Nowitzki was among those who appreciated Cuban censoring himself the past six weeks. It started after the Mavs won their first-round series against Portland.

Cuban held his tongue throughout a sweep of the Lakers, which had to be tough considering his past verbal jabs with Phil Jackson and Ron Artest. He remained silent again through the conference finals against

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Miami Heat's LeBron James hugs teammate Dwyane Wade (3) after Game 6 of the NBA Finals basketball game against the Dallas Mavericks Sunday, June 12, 2011, in Miami.

## Still no crown for King as James, Heat fall short

By BRIAN MAHONEY  
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**M** IAMI (AP)—Good thing LeBron James had that big party when he arrived here last summer.

For now, that's the only celebration he gets in Miami.

He brought his talents to

South Beach to win titles, so he'd have All-Star help around him and he wouldn't have to carry the team.

Problem was, the Heat couldn't carry LeBron.

His first finals with the Heat ended Sunday night with the Dallas Mavericks' 105-95 vic-

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